

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Elders Committee Meeting
Minutes of August 26, 2025

Call to Order: Beverly Hicks, at 1:02 pm.

The meeting was held in the Main Building and on Zoom.

Roll Call:

Beverly Hicks, Chair - present

Jana Roth, Vice Chair - present

Angelia Franke, Secretary – present via Zoom

Mollie Martin, Treasurer - present

Steve Donnell, Sargent-at-Arms, - present

Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison - present

Billie Jean Sheshey, Elder-at-Large – present via Zoom

Prayer: Given by Steve Donnell.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jana Steve Donnell to approve the minutes and seconded by Annette Ketchum. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports:

Traditional Classes: Steve Donnell the classes were successful as information was shared that has not been out there before. The classes will be held again.

Treasurer's Report by Mollie Martin: The financial report for June and July, 2025, was presented by Mollie Martin. The balance is \$11,662.88. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jana Roth and seconded by Steve Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Elder Liaison Report: Annette Ketchum brought the incorrect notes to the meeting, but will email the notes to committee members today. A motion to table the report was made by Steve Donnell. Seconded by Jana Roth. Motion passed unanimously.

Guests:

Chris Barone and Jonni Donnell

Old Business:

A. Ratify Poll Vote of June 29, 2025

Jana Roth made a motion to ratify the poll vote of June 29, 2025. Seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Report on Held Over Monies and Unrestricted Funds

Kendall Reith will be invited to the next Elder Committee Meeting. Per Jana Roth, the balance of this fund is \$40,017.72. Jana Roth made a motion to reimburse Title VI for popcorn in the amount of \$46.52. Seconded by Billie Jean Sheshey. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Recipe Book Update

Discussion was held to change the book to include traditional foods, Nora's recipes, and instructions for making a Delaware blouse. The book could be ready to sell in the Lenape Reserve in May.

D. Delaware Days

Family Game Night will be held at Annette's Camp. Games can be played both Friday and Saturday. Steve Donnell will make a large plywood sign indicating the Game Night location.

E. Jacque MacDonald Class

Jacque will provide a walking stick for attendees to paint and decorate. The Elder Committee will purchase acrylic paint and

paint brushes. The class will be held in the afternoon of October 11.

New Business:

A. Honorarium for Steve Donnell

Billie Jean Sheshey made a motion to give a \$100 honorarium to Steve Donnell for teaching a foraging class. Seconded by Jana Roth. Motion carried 6-0 with Steve Donnell abstaining.

B. Honorarium for Billie Jean Sheshey

Mollie Martin made a motion to give a \$100 honorarium to Billie Jean Sheshey for teaching a jewelry class. Seconded by Jana Roth. Motion carried 6-0 with Billie Jean Sheshey abstaining.

C. Delaware Blouse Update

Jana Roth, Annette Ketchum, and Angelia Franke have met several times to create a pattern and instructions for making a blouse. They will continue to meet in the upcoming months.

D. Trip Ideas for 2026

Billie Jean Sheshey encouraged members to visit Keepsake Candles. Beverly Hicks will contact Angela Jeffers to schedule a tour. Discussion was also held on a trip to Connor Prairie or the Stockbridge Pow Wow.

E. December Trip to Sharp's and a museum

Jana Roth made a motion to take up to 20 elders to Sharp's and the Ben Johnson Museum on December 6. Seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion passed unanimously. Lunch is on your own.

F. Sweet Grass Basket Class

Jana Roth was unable to bring back sweet grass from Montana as it was not in season. Teresa Johnson offered to donate sweet grass. The Committee could pay for shipping, and send her Teton fabric as a thank you gift.

G. Family Game Nights in 2026

Discussion was held to keep the Game Nights on the last Friday of each month from January to October. Game Nights will be moved to the FCS Building if the room is available. Jana Roth suggested hosting a table Trick-or-Treat and scavenger hunt as Game Night and Halloween are the same night. The event will start at 4 pm.

H. Announcements

Jana Roth is writing about the pros and cons of Trust Board in the upcoming DIN article. The Cultural Preservation Committee invited the Elder Committee members to attend their meeting on Tuesday, September 2 at 5:30 pm in the FCS room.

Set Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for September 23, 2025 at 1:00 pm in the FCS Room.

Motion to Adjourn by Steve Donnell. Seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Angelia Franke on August 29, 2025