

**Delaware Tribe of Indians**  
**Elders Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes of**  
**February 6, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Beverly Hicks, Chair, at 1:00pm.

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

**Roll Call:**

Beverly Hicks, Chair - present

Kay Anderson, Vice Chair - absent/excused

Connie Falleaf, Secretary - present

Mollie Martin, Treasurer – present

Steve Donnell, Sargent-at- Arms - present

Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison - present

**Prayer:** Annette Ketchum

**Minutes of January 2, 2024, unanimously approved.**

Steve Donnell made the motion to approve.

Mollie Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with correction.

**Reports:**

**1. Treasurer's Report by Mollie Martin for December 2023 unanimously approved.**

Copies of Treasure's Report were distributed to all elders present.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Connie Falleaf 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve.

**2. Elder Liaison's Report by Annette Ketchum for January 19, 2024 unanimously approved.**

Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison, submitted her notes and reported on the January 19, 2024 Delaware Tribal Council Workshop. Copies were distributed to all elders present.

Steve Donnell made the motion to approve.

Mollie Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> to motion to approve.

**3. Motion to allow the Elder Liaison to be recognized as a voting member of the Elder Committee was unanimously approved.**

Beverly Hicks received permission from the Trust Board to allow the Elder Liaison to be recognized as a voting member of the Elder Committee and asked the Elder Committee for their approval on the measure.

Steve Donnell made the motion to approve.

Connie Falleaf 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve.

**4. Steve Donnell presented a proposed draft of the Lenape Elders Constitution and By-Laws.**

Copies were distributed to all elders present.

**Old Business:**

**1. Dedication ceremony for “Jack’s Mile” will be held on May 23, 2024 (the Thursday before DTI Pow Wow) at 2:00pm was unanimously approved.**

The sign was paid for by the Elder Committee and the brackets (costing \$450.00) for “Jack’s Mile” sign were paid for by the Tribal Council.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve.

**2. The Elder Committee made \$180.00 from the raffle for the comforter set, that was held in January.**

**New Business:**

**1.** Jeremy Johnson, DTI Cultural Education Director, requested input from the elders regarding descriptions of several artifacts on display at the Penn Museum in Pennsylvania. The artifacts included what was described by the Museum as a cane, Peyote fans and gourds, and a Shaman’s Wand. Jeremy asked that elders respond within two weeks.

In addition, Jeremy invited elders to a Family and Community Night on February 17, 2024, at 5:00pm in the Family and Children’s Services Building. It was also mentioned that the DTI needs a repository.

2. Beverly Hicks stated she has received questions from at-large members regarding our history. In response, the Elder Committee will sponsor a lecture on March 16, 2024, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at Forsythe Hall.

3. Connor Prairie, a nonprofit located in Indiana, requested photos and oral stories of Delaware Tribal members. For example, “What does it mean to you to be Lenape?” or “What memories do you have as a Delaware?”

Steve Donnell described an interview project with students.

A question was asked about DTI photographers.

It was suggested that we should make a DTI coffee table book with interviews to be conducted the week following Pow Wow.

4. Curtis Zuniga responded to Jeremy Johnson’s presentation of artifacts that are being displayed at the Penn Museum. Curtis questioned the “ownership” of the items, stating that the DTI should claim the items based on the Historic Preservation Act. Curtis stated he would email an article to Beverly Hicks.

**5. Curtis Zuniga requested a motion to be made to show support of a Lenape Seed Garden project. The motion to fully support the development of the Lenape Seed Garden was unanimously approved.**

Curtis Zuniga made a presentation regarding the development of a “Lenape Seed Garden”. The project would be managed by Curtis and would require six workers to cultivate the garden. Earlier, Chief Brad Killscrow suggested the possibility of using ARPA funding.

Connie Falleaf made the motion to approve.

Annette Ketchum 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve.

6. Connie Falleaf resigned as Secretary of the Elder Committee. Jana Roth volunteered to fill the vacancy.

**7. Motion to rescind the motion for the Elder Committee to support the Title VI program by donating \$60.00 per month was unanimously approved.**

Connie Falleaf made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve.

**8. Motion was made for the Elder Committee to support the Title VI program by donating \$360.00 for the first six months of 2024, to be renewed July 2024 for an additional six months.**

Connie Falleaf made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve.

**9.** Jana Roth offered to teach a beading class via zoom for our elders in April 2024. Supplies would be purchased by the Elder Committee and made into kits which would be mailed to Delaware tribal elders free of charge. Kits would be made available for purchase for non-Delaware elders.

The class and supply cost will need to be presented to the Trust Board for approval.

**10.** Steve Donnell delivered copies of paperwork for guidelines pages 1-5 regarding the document for the Trust Board.

**Next meeting will be held on March 5, 2024 at 1:00pm.**

**Motion made by Steve Donnell to adjourn the meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:44pm.**

Jana Roth, Secretary