

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Elders Committee Meeting
Minutes of
March 5, 2024

Call to Order: Beverly Hicks, Chair, at 1:05pm.

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

Roll Call:

Beverly Hicks, Chair - present
Kay Anderson, Vice Chair - present
Jana Roth, Secretary - present
Mollie Martin, Treasurer – present
Steve Donnell, Sargent-at- Arms - present
Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison - present

Prayer: Steve Donnell

Minutes of February 6, 2024, unanimously approved.

Jana Roth distributed copies & read aloud the February 6, 2024 Minutes of the Elder Committee.

Annette Ketchum asked for clarification regarding the “beading kits” & postage. Beverly Hicks replied that beading kits & postage will be paid by the Elder Committee for DTI elders only, if participants are not DTI elders they will be required to pay for the kit and any necessary postage.

Steve Donnell made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

Reports:

1. Treasurer’s Report by Mollie Martin for January 2024 unanimously approved.

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

In addition, Beverly Hicks distributed copies of the January 2024 Trust Board Financial Summary showing the Elders Committee “Carry Forward” balance of \$38,267.66.

Steve Donnell made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion to approve.

2. Elder Liaison’s Report by Annette Ketchum for the DTI Tribal Council Workshop held on February 23, 2024 was unanimously approved.

Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison, submitted her notes and reported on the February 23, 2024 Delaware Tribal Council Workshop. Copies were distributed to all elders present.

Steve Donnell made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd to motion to approve.

Old Business:

1. Beading Class to be held on April 13, 2024 at 1:00pm in Forsythe Hall & on zoom for a limited cost of \$499 or less for wampum beads, needles, and thread was unanimously approved.

Jana Roth volunteered to teach the class, at no charge, to a limited number of in-person & on-Zoom participants. DTI elders will be provided supplies to make two necklaces at no cost, others who want to participate in the class will be required to purchase the kit as well as any necessary postage.

Beverly Hicks stated that the cost of class supplies & postage will be limited to a total of under \$1000.

Beverly Hicks explained she would be ordering the required supplies through the Tribe to take advantage of the Tribes tax exempt status.

Audience member, Sarah Boyd, offered to order the necessary supplies on her account to receive her tax exemption status, if needed.

Molly Martin made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2nd the motion to approve.

2. Purchase of freshwater pearls, glass beads, and kit-mailing supplies to be used for the beading class, for a limited cost of \$499 or less, was unanimously approved.

Molly Martin made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2nd the motion to approve.

3. Connor Prairie's request for tribal members' photos and stories at Pow Wow was **tabled till the April Elders Committee meeting.**

Beverly Hicks will schedule a meeting with Jeremy Johnson, the DTI Cultural Education Director, to discuss Connor Prairie's request.

4. Vote to modify and/or adopt the Elder Committee/Elder Council By-Laws was **tabled till the April Elders Committee meeting.**

Beverly Hicks explained the By-Laws were presented to the Trust Board at their February 26 meeting & the Trust Board stated they needed more time to review the document and consult with the Tribal Attorney & Parliamentarian. Beverly Hicks reported the need to change the name of the Elder Committee to Elder Council so that our Elder Committee would be eligible to apply for various grants. She further explained that in order to change the name, the Trust Board stated we would be required to present our request with documentation as to why the name change was necessary.

Steve Donnell suggested we keep the Elder Committee name & remain under the control of the Trust Board but start a separate committee titled the Elder Council that the Elder Committee could assist with funding, etc.

New Business:

1. Motion to spend \$499 to purchase a copier/printer/scanner, ink & paper for the Elder Committee, after a suitable area where it can be locked up is located within the FCS building, was unanimously approved.

Jana Roth suggested the Elder Committee make the purchase so that we can print (any paperwork that might be needed) during our Elder Committee meetings. In addition, the purchase will help the Elder Committee better prepare for meetings.

Zoom attendee, Carol Craig, suggested we compare prices at Sam's Club and Costco.

Mollie Martin volunteered to supply some copy paper.

Carol Craig volunteered to purchase a flash drive so all Elder Committee business can be saved on a flash drive.

It was also suggested that we purchase a laser jet printer because it would be more cost effective for ink and toner.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion to approve.

2. Motion to reimburse Jana Roth \$126.07 for bead supplies and a portable file for the Elder Committee was unanimously approved.

Jana Roth explained that the supplies were used to make samples to be displayed to the beading class and the leftover beads would be used to make kits for the class.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Molly Martin 2nd the motion to approve.

3. Jana Roth asked for Elder Committee volunteers who have a valid Driver's License to submit their license to the DTI so that they may receive Tribal approval to operate Tribal vehicles for future Elder trips.

Jana Roth spoke with Chief KillsCrow who stated that in order to drive a Tribally owned vehicle, you must submit a copy of your driver's license.

4. Motion to have Jana Roth submit an article in the DIN to request DTI elders' names and addresses to send greeting cards as well as other pertinent elder news, was unanimously approved.

Annette Ketchum stated that once we know how many elders would be interested in receiving mail from the Elder Committee, then we could estimate the necessary cost of cards and postage.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell had to leave the meeting early and was not present for the vote.

5. Planning for the Trip to the DTI Ranch was **tabled till the April Elders Committee meeting.**

Beverly Hicks reported that the Elders trip to the DTI Ranch will be scheduled for or after the Ranch's Open House event, possibly in April.

Chief KillsCrow asked that we wait to plan our trip until after work on the Ranch is completed and stated that the Tribe will be holding an Open House event for the Ranch.

Annette Ketchum suggested we plan a stop in Sedan, Kansas to have BBQ for lunch on the Ranch trip.

6. Motion to plan for a Trip in April to Ponca City to visit Sharp's Indian Store, visit area museums and have lunch was unanimously passed.

Jana Roth made the motion to approve.

Molly Martin 2nd the motion to approve.

7. Motion to have Beverly Hicks contact Delaware Nation to arrange dates for the Anadarko Trip to visit Delaware Nation was unanimously passed.

Beverly Hicks suggested the Elder Committee plan the trip within the first two weeks in June. Beverly will ask Delaware Nation for recommendations on where to stay and for suggested activities. She will also ask if we might arrange to meet with Delaware Nation elders.

Beverly Hicks stated that Chair of the Cultural Preservation Committee, Levi Randol, expressed that the Cultural Preservation Committee was interested in joining us on the trip and splitting the transportation costs.

Audience member, Sandy Boyce, asked the committee to consider allowing other tribal members to join us if they paid for their own trip.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Jana Roth 2nd the motion to approve.

8. Planning for a “Dreamcatcher” class was **tabled until the April Elder Council meeting.**

Beverly Hicks suggested we hold the class in July and have Cassie Elvington teach the class in Forsythe Hall.

Annette Ketchum stated that “Dreamcatchers” are not a Lenape tradition.

Annette also asked if the Elder Committee could co-sponsor classes with the Title 6 lunch program and allow all Native elders to participate.

9. Motion to ask Chief KillsCrow for permission to sell pottery and beading kits (offering a variety of skill levels) at the Pow Wow in May was unanimously approved.

Jana Roth suggested the kits would allow our children to interact with elders and could be used as a fundraiser.

Beverly Hicks and Jana Roth volunteered to man a booth at various times during the Pow Wow to sell the kits.

It was suggested that other Elders might volunteer to do storytelling at the booth to further interactions with Elders and Lenape youth.

Audience member, Isla Dombrovski (age 12) stated she thought the kits would be something kids would like. Furthermore, she suggested we use Lenape words in the labeling and descriptions of the activity kits.

Annette Ketchum suggested the Elder Committee hold a workday to make the kits.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion to approve.

10. Planning for a designated seating area and accessible walkway at the Pow Wow grounds for elders and disabled tribal members, was **tabled until the April Elders Committee meeting.**

It was suggested that ARPA funds be used to purchase ADA compliant benches and walkways.

It was also suggested that the area should allow for 12 seats and be located on the east side of the speaker stand.

11. Planning for an “Elder Arbor” or permanent pavilion structure with ADA compliant restrooms to be located at the Pow Wow grounds, was **tabled** until the April Elders Committee meeting.

Annette Ketchum suggested that we prepare a presentation for the Tribal Council and that perhaps we could have the Tribes’ Grant Writer help find and write a grant for the project.

12. Motion to pay Alicia Rezendes \$30.00 for her graphic artwork on the Lenape History lecture flyer was unanimously approved.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Jana Roth 2nd the motion to approve.

Next meeting will be held on April 2, 2024 at 1:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jana Roth and 2nd by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47pm.

13. Poll vote. March 5 at 6:46pm:

Motion for a \$100.00 bottled water donation, from our line item for donations, to be paid to the Lenape Native American Foundation was approved.

Beverly Hicks explained that the donation of bottled water will be used for the March 23rd Spring Gathering event.

Mollie Martin made the motion to approve.

Annette Ketchum 2nd the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell voted NO.

Kay Anderson and Jana Roth voted YES.

Motion carried.

14. Poll vote. March 5 at 6:46 pm:

Motion for a \$150.00 donation to Anita Mathis to purchase meat, from our line item for donations, for the Spring Gathering Stomp Dance was approved.

Beverly Hicks explained that Anita Mathis will be cooking the meat for the March 23rd Spring Gathering event.

Mollie Martin made the motion to approve.

Annette Ketchum 2nd the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell voted NO.

Kay Anderson and Jana Roth voted YES.

Motion carried.

15. Poll Vote. March 6 at 9:43am:

Motion to nominate Paula Pechonick and Mike Pace as the Elder Candidates for the 2024 AARP Elder Honor Banquet was approved.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Mollie Martin 2nd the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell did not respond.

Kay Anderson and Jana Roth voted YES.

Motion carried.

Jana Roth, Secretary