

Delaware Tribe of Indians

Elders Committee Meeting

Minutes of

June 25, 2024

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

The meeting was held in the Forsythe Hall 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

Billie Jean Sheshay, Elder-at-Large – present (in person)

Prayer: Mollie Martin

Minutes of May 15, 2024, unanimously approved.

Jana Roth distributed copies & read aloud the May 15, 2024 Minutes of the Elder Committee.

Kay Anderson made the motion to approve.

Billie Jean Sheshay 2nd the motion.

Introduction of Guests from Pennsylvania:

- Andrea Lowery, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
- Melissa Mann, Director of the Bureau of Historic Sites & Museums at the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
- Zachary Long, Museum Educator at Pennsbury Manor
- Doug Miller, Site Director at Pennsbury Manor

Jeremy Johnson, the DTI Cultural Education Director, explained that the tribe works with our guests on initiatives that preserve the history of the Lenape people in our homelands and ensures that our Tribal story and culture is accurately taught throughout the region. He further explained that the agencies working with the DTI have agreed to only work with federally recognized tribes. Ms. Lowery, Ms. Mann, Mr. Long and Mr. Miller asked to meet with our Elder Committee to invite our elder tribe members to participate in their initiatives and to consult with their respective agencies.

Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report by Mollie Martin for May 2024 was unanimously approved.

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

Jana Roth asked why the Elders Committee "Carry Forward" balance of \$38,267.66 is not included in Report. No one could answer the question, so Jana Roth suggested that we ask the Trust Board at their next meeting.

Kay Anderson made the motion to approve.

Jana Roth 2nd the motion.

2. Elder Liaison's Report by Annette Ketchum for the DTI Tribal Council Workshop held on June 17, 2024 was unanimously approved.

Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison, explained that she was ill and unable to attend the meeting but distributed notes that were taken by Dana Murrell.

It was suggested that our committee should ask Tribal Council to appoint an elder Delaware Tribal member with ranch experience, to the Ranch Board.

Jana Roth made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

Old Business:

1. Motion to table the Elder Committee Bylaws indefinitely as we wait for the Trust Board to arrange a meeting to discuss our submission was unanimously approved.

Beverly Hicks suggested that we table the item indefinitely because we are waiting for the Trust Board to schedule a meeting to discuss our submission from earlier this year.

Billie Jean Sheshay made the motion to approve.

Annette Ketchum 2nd the motion.

2. Motion to pay Jana Roth \$25.00 to purchase cards and the required stamps needed to send to our elder tribal members who have signed up for the greeting card program.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

3. Discussion regarding the new rules for driving tribal vehicles for Elder trips. Drivers must submit their drivers license, their Motor Vehicle Report and their proof of insurance before driving any tribal vehicle.

Currently, Billie Jean Sheshay, Jana Roth, Mike Pace, and Mollie Martin have submitted all necessary documentation.

4. Motion to schedule a trip using the Tribal vehicles travel to and from the DTI Ranch for up to 20 Delaware elders & their spouses with lunch provided, on Thursday, September 26, 2024 was unanimously approved.

The date is tentative pending the Chief's approval.

Kay Anderson wants to use this visit to present the plaque memorializing Homer Scott. The plaque is to be displayed at the ranch.

The total cost of the trip will be discussed at the next Elder Committee meeting.

Billie Jean Sheshay made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

5. Discussion regarding trips to Ponca City to visit Sharp's Indian store on Indigenous People's Day (October 14) and Skiatook to visit Supernaws Indian Store in early December.

Beverly Hicks or Jana Roth will call each store to ensure it is open and to inquire about possible Christmas Sales.

New Business:

1. Steve Donnell reported on the Elder's visit to Delaware Nation in Anadarko. The visit included meeting Delaware Nation's tribal leaders, lunch, a tour of the community's museums, and dinner. The visit was successful in helping to build a relationship with Delaware Nation. The DTI Elder Committee has invited Delaware Nation tribal members to visit our campus and we will be hosting a zoom call with Delaware Nation on July 2 at 1:00pm in Forsythe Hall for anyone interested in participating.

2. Motion to reimburse Steve Donnell \$67.60 for gasoline to and from Anadarko was unanimously approved.

Steve Donnell drove his personal vehicle because he does not live near Bartlesville.

Kay Anderson made the motion to approve.

Billy Jean Sheshay 2nd the motion.

3. Motion to reimburse Jana Roth \$30.50 for her Motor Vehicle Report submitted to the Tribe so she could drive the Tribal vehicle to Anadarko.

The Motor Vehicle Report is free to those over the age of 65 but Jana is 62, therefore she had to pay for the report.

4. Motion to purchase a \$50 Teton Trade Cloth gift card to be awarded to the Elder Committee member selling the most tickets for the blanket raffle was unanimously approved.

Jana Roth reported that Leslie Jerdan had donated a beautiful Teton Trade blanket for our Elder Committee for a raffle, with the proceeds to be used to purchase materials for our Delaware youth. These cultural materials will be used during Delaware Days to encourage our Delaware Elders to teach our youth cultural ways. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 per ticket.

Steve Donnell volunteered to teach a cordage class to Delaware youth during Delaware Days.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

5. Motion to spend no more than \$30,000 of our carry over funds for a handicapped accessible van for our Elders was approved.

Billie Jean Sheshay made the motion to approve.

Annette Ketchum 2nd the motion.

Kay Anderson abstained.

The next meeting will be held on July 23, 2024 at 1:00pm in Forsythe Hall.

Jana Roth, Secretary

6/27/2024