

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Elders Committee Meeting
Minutes of
September 24, 2024

Call to Order: Beverly Hicks, Chair, at 12:59 pm.

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

Billie Jean Sheshey, Elder-at-Large – present (via zoom)

Prayer: Steve Donnell

Minutes of August 24, 2024, unanimously approved with corrections/updates.

1. Correction: Misspelled Connie Falleaf's last name on August 24, 2024 Minutes.

Steve Donnell made the motion to approve.

Mollie Martin 2nd the motion.

Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report by Mollie Martin for July 2024 was unanimously approved subject to audit.

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

Mollie Martin reported our current balance to be \$6825.12.

Beverly Hicks explained that \$256.00 from our fundraisers (Spring Fling and our Blanket Raffle) were mistakenly posted to the Title VI account but will be corrected and moved to the Elder Committees account.

Kay Anderson made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2nd motion.

2. Elder Liaison's Report by Annette Ketchum for the DTI Tribal Council Workshop held on September 20, 2024 was unanimously approved.

Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison, distributed to all elders present.

Billie Jean had several questions regarding Blue Whale and Annette stated she would try to get some answers before the Tribal Council meeting tomorrow night.

Billie Jean Sheshey made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

Old Business:

1. Poll Vote on August 30, 2024.

Motion to rescind the July 23 motion to reimburse Steve Donnell \$46.78 for gasoline to and from Anadarko was approved.

Motion made by Jana Roth.

2nd by Billy Jean Sheshey.

Mollie Martin voted yes.

Annette Ketchum voted yes.

Kay Anderson (replied to Beverly Hicks in person) voted yes.

Steve Donnell abstained.

Motion carried.

Motion to ratify the Poll Vote was approved.

Motion made by Jana Roth.

2nd by Mollie Martin.

Steve Donnell abstained.

2. Poll vote - August 30, 2024.

Motion to reimburse Steve Donnell \$46.78 for supplies required for the foraging class was approved.

Motion made by Jana Roth.

2nd by Billy Jean Sheshey.

Mollie Martin voted yes.

Annette Ketchum voted yes.

Kay Anderson (replied to Beverly Hicks in person) voted yes.

Steve Donnell abstained.

Motion carried.

Motion to ratify the Poll Vote was approved.

Motion made by Annette Ketchum.

2nd by Billie Jean Sheshey.

Steve Donnell abstained.

3. Poll Vote - September 3, 2024.

Motion to purchase meat from Dale Scott in the amount of \$75.00 for September 13, 2024 Elder Award dinner, to be paid by check to Dale Scott, was approved.

Billy Jean Sheshey made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2nd the motion.

Kay Anderson voted yes.

Annette Ketchum voted yes.

Jana Roth voted yes.

Mollie Martin did not reply.

Motion carried.

Steve Donnell made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

Motion to ratify the Poll Vote was approved.

Motion made by Billie Jean Sheshey.

2nd by Steve Donnell.

4. Motion to spend \$150.00 to provide food, drink and utensils for the Elders Committee Family Fun Day to be held on October 5, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, was unanimously approved.

Sandwiches, condiments, lemonade, water and chips will be purchased, and the frozen meat left over from the Elders Award Dinner will also be used to make sliders.

Billie Jean made the motion to approve.

Jana Roth 2nd the motion.

5. Motion pay Dale Scott an additional \$14.25 to purchase the meat for the Elder Awards Dinner was unanimously approved.

Jana Roth made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2nd motion.

6. Planning for General Council Day (November 9) table display (to encourage elders and youth to get involved) was tabled till the October meeting.

7. Additional planning for the DTI Ranch Trip (Saturday, October 12, 2024) was tabled until after the Tribal Council Meeting tomorrow night.

8. Additional planning for the Ponca City Trip on Indigenous Peoples Day, October 14, 2024, was discussed. Departure time is 9:00 AM from the Tribal Complex. We will visit the Standing Bear Park, Museum and Education Center followed by lunch then a visit to Sharps Indian Supply Store. Jana Roth and Steve Donnell will drive the Tribal vans.

9. Motion to purchase “Lenape Elder Circle” banners to be made for \$500. or less was unanimously approved.

Connie Falleaf will submit artwork for the banner or banners. The banners will be double-sided, if possible and the colors will be a white background with red lettering. The banners will be used during parades as well as other events.

Jana Roth made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2nd motion.

10. Motion to provide \$500. or less for dinner for the Lenape Basket-making class on Friday, December 6, 2024 was unanimously approved.

Steve Donnell made the motion to approve.

Mollie Martin 2nd motion.

11. Motion to provide \$500. or less for breakfast and lunch for the Lenape Basket-making class on Saturday, December 7, 2024 was unanimously approved.

Jana Roth made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2nd motion.

New Business:

1. Motion to approve \$500. or less for hotel accommodations for Thursday, October 31 to attend the Elders Conference in Clinton, OK on Friday, November 1, 2024 was unanimously approved.

Kay Anderson made the motion to approve.

Mollie Martin 2nd motion.

2. Motion to approve \$500. or less for food for the Clinton, OK Trip to the Elders Conference was unanimously approved.

Billie Jean Sheshey made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2nd motion.

3. Discussion regarding a Christmas Ornament Class for Delaware youth was tabled.

4. Motion to travel to Skiatook on December 2, 2024 to visit Supernaws Indian Store was approved.

Departure time will be 1:00 PM. Twenty Delaware tribal members, 55+ and their spouses may attend. Two tribal vans will be required.

Jana Roth made the motion to approve.

Annette Ketchum 2nd motion.

Steve Donnell abstained.

5. Motion to repay Beverly Hicks \$117.77 for food, paper plates, bowls, utensils and tablecloths, etc. for the Elder Awards Dinner was approved.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2nd motion.

Beverly Hicks abstained.

6. Motion to repay Billie Jean Sheshey \$16.35 for additional plastic utensils and tablecloths for the Elder Awards Dinner was approved.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd motion.

Billie Jean Sheshey abstained.

7. Motion to order two cartridges of ink for the printer for \$499. or less was unanimously approved.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2nd motion.

8. Discussion on establishing a subcommittee to assist in planning elder activities with youth was tabled.

9. Motion to establish the following qualifications for future recipients of the Elder Council Award was unanimously approved:

- The Elder Committee officers will make nominations.
- Recipients must be 54 years of age or younger.
- Awarded one time per year but an award is not required each year and awards shall be at least 12 months apart **if** a nominee is selected by the committee.
- Recipients must be a DTI tribal member.
- The nominee must be exceptionally outstanding in the advancement of our Lenape culture and history.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd motion.

10. The Elder Committee went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 3:10 PM.

No action was required.

11. Poll Vote on October 4, 2024.

Motion to pay \$500 or less for gasoline in the Tribal vans for Elder trips on October 12, 14, 31, and November 1 was approved.

Motion made by Steve Donnell.

2nd by Jana Roth.

Mollie Martin voted Yes

Kay Anderson voted Yes.

Billie Jean Sheshey voted Yes.

Annette Ketchum did not reply .

Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on October 22, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the FCS.

Motion to adjourn at 3:39 pm was unanimously approved.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to adjourn.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

Minutes submitted by Jana Roth, Elder Committee Secretary on October 4, 2024.