



Northern Ponca Elders Committee

Minutes

Monday, February 7, 2022 @9:00 AM/ District 3, Ponca Office – Lincoln

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- I. CALL TO ORDER @ 9:03 am.
- II. ROLL CALL - Rose Birdhead, Rita Pitzer, Christine Legband, Marchita Bair, Mark Peniska, Belva Phillips Gary Stoltenberg, Sr., Phil Wendzillo.
- III. INVOCATION - Mark Peniska
- IV. Approval of February 7, 2022, agenda - Motion to approve February 7, 2022, agenda with additional requests by Christine to add fund raising for funeral services. (mentioned to Christine that the fund raising for funeral services was already on the agenda, Christine said there were a few other items she wanted to add.) By Phil to add updated funeral policy to New Business and 2-day discussion. Facebook page by Gary to New Business. Motion to approve by Gary, seconded by Belva. Roll Call votes: Rose - Yes, Rita - Yes, Marchita - Yes, Mark - abstain, Belva - Yes, Gary - Yes, Phil - Yes. All approved. Motion carried. Vice Chair, Mark Peniska stands in for Chair, Christine Legband present - ill.
- V. Approval of January 3, 2022, minutes - Motion to approve January 3, 2022, with correction to delete added date December 5, 2021, by Secretary, Belva. Belva will resubmit corrected January 3, 2022, minutes to Committee in next meeting packets and send to Beth to file, approve by Rose, seconded by Marchita. Suspend reading the minutes by Gary, seconded by Rose. Roll Call votes: Rose - Yes, Phil - Yes, Gary - Yes, Marchita - Yes, Belva - Yes, Mark - abstain, Rita - Yes. All approved. Motion carried.
- VI. Officer Reports - Chair - Christine - has no report but is ill and asked Vice Chair to stand in for her. Vice Chair - Mark - Read Mission Statement and Vision Statement. Secretary - Belva - Reported that Rita Pitzer mentioned that niece Rhonda Oestreich and Ponca Powwow Princess Granddaughter, Reylyn would like to put on a meal for the Elder's Committee the next time in Norfolk which will be in April. Treasurer - Phil - Reports on two cultural proposed items will discuss on New Business.
- VII. Guest - Mosiah Harlan, Tribal Affairs will forward Transportation questions to Transportation Director, Dani Wright for further discussion. Mosiah will follow up about the Health Advocate for Elders. Mosiah commented that there is a need to hire more drivers.

Break 10:30 am - 10:45 am

Richard Wright, Cultural Director drafted a letter of support for Elder's Committee, Chair to sign to launch summit plan. Standing Bear museum discussion. Naming of community building for activities and events. Belva informed Richard that there is

a Naming form in place for building names. Belva will email Richard form. Ponca language teaching by Southern Ponca, Eagle Rhode, February 15, 2022.

Venessa Bonge, Women with Bows organization discussed interest in helping with Ponca Elders on food and supplies for the winter along with guest Sheila Renteria. Would like to know how to reach out to Elders in need. Belva suggested to contact Jessica Hitchcock to advertise in monthly Ponca newsletter with contact information.

- VIII. Old Business - Elder's cultural fund for funeral services by Phil. Moved to New Business.
- IX. New Business - Elders Cultural funds for funeral services by Phil. Phil discussed Cultural honoree line item for funeral services at \$100 for families and should be directly submitted to vendor. Suggested by Belva to create a form by the Elder's Committee on request for funeral services for budget filing. Move two-day meeting discussion to next meeting by Phil. Fund raising for funeral services by Rose. Suggest continuing with making of t-shirt, booth for Powwow to raise funds. Facebook page by Gary. Gary discussed that the Facebook page has not been used in a while. Will need a new administrator to continue Elder Committee Facebook page. Fund raising by Christine None, discussion was brought by Rose.
- X. Other Business - Rita discussed leave of absence for Spiritual leaders to Tribal leaders with the Ho Chunk, Omaha, and Santee and will follow up. Additional Discussion - Leadership discussion by Christine her role as Chair, she is still learning. Would like the Secretary to be available. Would like to know how to reach the Secretary. Belva, Secretary suggested to look at the Elder's Committee directory that all contact information is listed and mailed with monthly packet. Belva mentioned that she emailed Christine availability to Christine prior to meeting. Secretary will email Christine days of availability and contact information.
- XI. Adjourned at 1:04 pm by Rose, seconded by Marchita.

Next meeting April 4, 2022 @ 9 am
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