



Northern Ponca Elders Committee

Minutes

Friday, August 12, 2022 @ 10 AM / Ponca Office - Niobrara

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER @ 10:09 am**
- II. **ROLL CALL – Marchita Bair, Rita Pitzer, Rose Birdhead, Debbie Robinette, Mark Peniska, Carrie Voss, Belva Philips.**
Conference call – Phil Wendzillo
Guest – Twila Phillips, Ponca Elder, Darrell Wells, Omaha Elder.
- III. **INVOCATION – Mark Peniska**
- IV. **Approval of August 12, 2022, agenda - Motion by Mark, seconded by Rose. RCV; Marchita – Yes, Rita – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Mark – Yes, Belva – Yes. Rose – yes, Phil - late. Motion carried.**
- V. **Approval of July 11, 2022, Motion by Mark, seconded by Machita. RCV; Marchita – Yes, Rita – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Mark – Yes, Belva – Yes. Rose – abstain, Phil - late. Motion carried.**
Approval of July 12, 2022, minutes – Motion by Mark with correction to Other Business, Belva made a motion to designate a driver, change to Chair request a motion to designate a driver, seconded by Rita, RCV; Marchita – Yes, Rose – abstain, Rita – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Mark – Yes, Belva – Yes. Phil – late. Motion carried.

10:30 am, The Elder's Committee was asked to participate in the Red Sand project to help raise awareness for those who can metaphorically fall through the tracks of human trafficking by pouring red sand between the cracks at the Niobrara office front walkway.

- VI. **Officer's Reports – Chair, Carrie Voss, introduce grandson Music Gilpin. Carrie reminded everyone to be respectful to each other and raise hand for questions or comments. Vice-Chair – Mark Peniska, mentioned an extra thank you to Belva for jumping into preparing budget modification and for the time and support. Mark also mentioned he will be contacting Jessica on booklet. Secretary – Belva Phillips – mentioned letter from Govenor Pete Ricketts and Powwow article, Treasurer – no Treasurer.**

- VII. **Guest - none**

11:14 am, Phil enters meeting late. There was a confusion about Phil resigning the Committee. Phil resigned as Treasurer as of August 1, 2022. Wi-Fi was acting up. Phil is still on the Committee.

- VIII. **Old Business – Meeting resumes with Phil reading the FY22/23 budget draft for approval by deadline August 15, 2022.**

Carrie entertained a motion to increase the amount to line-item D. Flight from \$1,00.00 to \$1,500.00. Motion by Rita, seconded by Marchita. RCV; Marchita – Yes, Rose – Yes, Rita – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Mark – Yes, Belva – Yes. Phil – abstain. Motion carried.

Mark would like to add additional business conference to yearly training and conferences list with approval of Committee members.

- IX. New Business – 146th Ponca Celebration, August 25 -28, 2022, White Eagle, Oklahoma by Carrie Voss. Nothing mentioned. Not tabled. Report when participates return.
- X. Other Business – Report on the dhegiha language Conference, Quapaw, Oklahoma, July 27 & 28, 2022. Participates – Rita Pitzer, Debbie Robinette, Rose Birdhead, Carrie Voss, and Belva Phillips. No reports were mentioned. Unintentionally skipped.
- XI. Additional Discussion – Breaking mourning after Elder’s breakfast Saturday, August 13, 2022 – cedar blessing and honoring. Requesting Youth and Elder’s Committee to participate. Youth breakfast cancelled due to high alert covid. drive thru was scheduled for same time in front of the Niobrara Office. Cedar blessing and no honoring was cancelled. Breaking mourning was changed to 9 am at the Powwow grounds. Pick up snacks from the Niobrara grocery store for Elder’s care for Friday and Saturday evening by Darrell Wells and Carrie Voss.
Received 14 gift cards for Elders Committee special scheduled for 8:30 pm, Saturday. Also received monetary gift for Eagle Rhodd and a Pendleton for composing Elder’s Committee song for future specials and recognitions. All gift cards, Pendletons and shawls are to be gifted to all staff and honorees.
- XII. Adjourned by Chair, Carrie Voss @ 11:45 am.

Next meeting TBA October 2022 @ 10 am / Ponca Office - Norfolk