



Northern Ponca Elders Committee

Minutes

Monday, November 7, 2022 @ 10 AM / Ponca Office - Niobrara

District 1 – Niobrara/Sioux City • District 2 – Omaha • District 3 – Lincoln • District 4 – Norfolk

- I . CALL TO ORDER @ 10:09 am**
- II . ROLL CALL – Carrie Voss, Marchita Bair, Mark Peniska, Debbie Robinette, Rose Birdhead, Wanda Kramer, Rita Pitzer and Belva Phillips**
Life size – Phil Wendzillo
- Guest – Twila Phillips, George Vacka, Beverly Chapman, Darrel Wells, Germaine Joku and Dave Zurte. Larry Wright, Sr.
Life size – Christine Legband
- Councilwoman – Angie Starkel
Life size – Tribal Council Chairwoman, Becci Sullivan, Councilwoman Susie Baker and Jo An Schlotman
- III . INVOCATION – Darrel Wells**
- IV . Approval of November 7, 2022, agenda – Motion by Marchita seconded by Rita. Roll call of votes – Marchita – Yes, Mark – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Rose – Yes, Wanda – Yes, Rita – Yes, Phil – Yes, Belva – Yes.**
- V . Approval of October 3, 2022, minutes – Motion by Marchita seconded by Rita. Roll call of votes – Marchita – Yes, Mark – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Rose – abstain, Wanda – Yes, Rita – Yes, Phil – Yes, Belva – Yes.**
- VI . Officer's Reports - Chair – Carrie Voss welcomed guest and reminded everyone to silence phones. Vice-Chair – Mark Peniska read Mission Statement and Vision Statement. Secretary – Belva Phillips no report. Treasurer – Debbie Robinette questioned on the \$750.00 Pendleton purchase. Asking for information to be included on blankets, Pendletons, mileage and lodging. Questions on the \$2000.00 needs assessment for Elders. Councilwoman Angie Starkel discussed the purchasing of 3 Pendletons and 9 shawls from the Elder's Committee's budget. Angie discussed how to purchase items from the Elder's Committee budget. Angie discussed when and how the Elder's Committee should be honoring. Angie discussed the presentation at the Prairie Flower groundbreaking phase II event.**
- VII . Guest 10:30 – Stacy Laravie, THPO - Cemetery Survey updates Veterans project updates. Moved to 11:30 after Raven Perales discussion.**
- 11:00 - Raven Perales – discussion on future Cultural summit. Raven extended an invite to the Elder's Committee to correspond to each agenda item. 1. Creating of code of conduct. 2. Committee event – for planning and feeding. Discuss items, open forum. Consensus of location either Norfolk or Niobrara.

Cultural summit end of May, discuss date. Raven gracefully thanked and respected his Elders for allowing him to speak before us.

11:15 – Stacy Laravie, THPO – discussed the cemetery survey is done. Completion of survey will know in May/spring. Stacy discussed markers for the graves will be permanent and asked for help with the markers. Memorial Day

clean up and inventory of the give aways are still in stock. Stacy discussed Veterans project with stories and dates of service of Veterans and a wall of Veterans in the museum and working on slides for Veterans. Stacy discussed the tree stumps, trimming them down or giving the tree stumps a new look. Stacy asked to be continued on the agenda. Stacy to continue after lunch.

11:45 - Bill Yunker, Tribal Transportation Engineer – Bill discussed the support of a Cemetery Committee and extended invitation to who would like to be on the Cemetery Committee and will submit a copy of the Cemetery Committee policy. Elders interested Marchita Bair, Carrie Voss, Beverly Chapman and Belva Phillips.

Lunch at noon – lunch was joined by the Elder’s Circle members.

resumed at 1pm

Stacy Laravie continued to discussed working on a non-profit for new projects, feeding the Tribes, regalia project, food impact and medical supplies.

VIII. Old Business – none

New Business – Sioux City, district 1 discussion on event. Debbie plans to invite Dr. Hallgren and Dorothy Wells for handgame teaching. Debbie will work on sending an invite to Dr. Hallgren and inviting Dorothy to Sioux City event. Belva mentioned that the Elder’s Committee purchased a bingo game suggested by Rose to play during Sioux City event, purchase 4 \$25 gift cards from Walmart for the prize. Rose made a motion to purchase 4 \$25 Hy-Vee gifts cards for bingo in Sioux City seconded by Rita. Roll call of votes – Marchita – Yes, Mark – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Rose – Yes, Wanda – Yes, Rita – Yes, Phil – Yes, Belva – Yes. Amend motion to say Hy-Vee. Motion passed.

Discussion to appoint the secretary to take care of any items for give away and supplies. Motion to take care of supplies and house give aways by Rose seconded by Rita. Roll call of votes – Marchita – Yes, Mark – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Rose – Yes, Wanda – Yes, Rita – Yes, Phil – abstain, Belva – Yes.

Guest 1:30 - Richard Wright, Jr., Cultural Director, Kitrina Key, THPO – presented Ponca genealogy with Ponca members from the past perfect software. Katrina displayed an open view of family history. Katrina said that there are some missing allotments from 1860 – present. 48% of the Tribe are the Knudsen family. Elders from the Elders Circle looked on and explained family history from the past perfect software. There are plans to do oral history, interviews and oral video recording. Katrina will forward Elder listing to Candace and Belva to send out to Committee members.

2:30 – Jan Colwell, Candace Repenning - workdays policy and purchasing items/supplies and questions. Jan mentioned the purchase order request for 3 Pendletons and 9 shawls. Councilwoman Angie Starkel discussed how to resume with the purchases. Angie explained that the 3 Pendletons were being reimbursed by the casino.

Request for 3 Pendletons.

Debbie requested second motion of list of items purchased seconded by Marchita. Roll call of votes – Marchita – Yes, Mark – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Rose – Yes, Wanda – Yes, Rita – Yes, Phil – Yes, Belva – Yes. Motion carried.

Same request for 9 shawls.

Debbie requested second motion of list of items purchased seconded by Marchita. Roll call of votes – Marchita – Yes, Mark – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Rose – Yes, Wanda – Yes, Rita – Yes, Phil – abstain, Belva – Yes. Motion carried.

X. Other Business – none

XI. Additional Discussion – Rita would like to know if there was a workday for the Corn Harvest event in Niobrara.

XII. Adjourn @ 4:05 pm by Chair, Carrie Voss.

Next meeting December 5, 2022 @ 10 am / Ponca Office – Sioux City.