



Northern Ponca Elders Committee

Minutes

Monday, January 3, 2022 @9:00 AM/ District 1, Ponca Office – Sioux City

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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
Life-size - Gary Stoltenberg, Sr., Phil Wendzillo
- III. INVOCATION - Rose Birdhead
- IV. Approval of January 3, 2022, Agenda - Motion to approve January 3, 2022, agenda with additional requests by Christine move afternoon guests to earlier morning. By Phil to add Elder's Cultural fund to New Business and by Rose to add Sweetheart bingo luncheon for discussion and motion to Additional Discussion, Motion to approve by Mark, seconded by Rita. Roll Call: Rose - Yes, Rita - Yes, Marchita - Yes, Mark - Yes, Belva - Yes, Gary - Yes, Phil - Yes. All approved. Motion carried.
Approval of December 5, 2021, Minutes - Motion to approve December 5, 2021, by Mark, seconded by Belva. Suspend reading the minutes by Mark, seconded by Rita. Roll Call: Rose - Yes, Phil - Yes, Gary - Yes, Marchita - Yes, Belva - Yes, Mark - Yes, Rita - Yes. All approved. Motion carried.
December 6, 2021, Minutes - Motion to approve December 6, 2021, by Mark, seconded by Rita. Suspend reading the minutes by Mark, seconded by Rose. Roll Call: Rose - Yes, Phil - Yes, Gary - Yes, Marchita - Yes, Belva - Yes, Mark - Yes, Rita - Yes. All approved. Motion carried.
- V. Officer Reports - Chair - Christine reports that it is work in progress with the holidays and confusion the agenda was messed up. Vice-Chair - Mark - Read Mission Statement and Vision Statement. Secretary - Belva - reports that the Committee's laptop needs maintenance. Treasurer - Phil - Reports on being ahead of budget. Share if anyone comes across any workshops, conferences for 2022. Make sure it will be beneficial.
- VI. Old Business - Charter guidelines read by Belva. Guideline remarks. Attendance - Report to Chair if you will not attend a meeting. Secretary duties - outlined in the guidelines. Lodging, lunch menu and expense sheets was voluntarily extra duties by Secretary. Suggested by Christine to look into voice recognition. Secretary has speakers and an app for dictation and voice google but mic and speaker on laptop needs maintenance.
Break 9:47 am - 10:00 am
- VII. Additional Discussion - Venessa Bonge, Women with bows would like information on how to help Ponca member Elders with food or gifts cards for the holidays by Christine. Venessa not in attendance. Rose suggests inviting Venessa to the next meeting.

Sweetheart bingo luncheon for event in Ralston by Rose. Rose would like to have a bingo game from 11 am - 1 pm with \$25 gift card prizes from Walmart. Rose would like to add ten \$25 gift cards from Walmart to the first ten people. Rose made a motion to purchase gift cards for the Ralston event on February 8, 2022, from 11 am - 1 pm. Motion to approve by Rose, seconded by Belva.

Roll Call: Rose - Yes, Phil - abstain, Gary - Yes, Marchita - Yes, Belva - Yes, Mark - Yes, Rita - Yes. All approved. Motion carried.

- VIII. New Business - Elders Cultural funds for funeral services by Phil. Phil will redefine Cultural line item for the next budget add narrative for funeral services. A consensus vote and motion by the Elder's Committee on request for funeral services. Funeral services discussion to be moved to the next meeting.
- IX. Guest - Marriage ceremonies by Ruthanne Gallup and Richard Wright discussed marriage ceremonies and would like input from the Elder's Committee on a contact person and who would conduct a marriage ceremony by an Elder. Rose suggested Richard contact the Southern Ponca for information on marriage ceremonies. Richard shared Cultural event information for the Language Summit planning. Location and date still in planning. Would like event to be an all-day with the Youth Council and story telling by the Elders and teaching language. Would like to have in April and in Norfolk.
- Additional information on the Elder's Committee directives by Mark. Christine has finished directives. Mark gave update on resource list and will share with the Elder's Committee. Belva will forward supplies receipt to Phil for the budget report. Belva - Invitation guest time request by Christine morning, 9:30 am. Phil will finish monthly budget reports for Committee. Rose will update in April with Cultural and language with powwow special. Rita would like to discuss leave of absence for Spiritual leaders in next meeting.
- X. Adjourned at 11:44 am by Chair, Christine Legband.

Next meeting March 7, 2022 @ 9 am
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