



Northern Ponca Elders Committee

Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2022 @ 10 AM / Ponca Office - Niobrara

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- I. CALL TO ORDER @ 10:12 am.
- II. ROLL CALL - Rose Birdhead, Rita Pitzer, Marchita Bair, Mark Peniska, Belva Phillips, Carrie Voss.
Conference call - Phil Wendzillo, Christine Legband.
Guests: Janelle Ali-Dinar, CEO, Ponca Health Services, Bill Wright, Ponca member, Larry Wright, Sr., Ponca member and Darrell Wells, visitor.
- III. INVOCATION - Mark Peniska
- IV. Approval of May 2, 2022, agenda - Motion to approve May 2, 2022, agenda by Mark, seconded by Belva. All approved. Motion carried.
- v. Approval of April 4, 2022, minutes - Motion to approve, April 4, 2022, minutes and to suspend reading the April 4, 2022, minutes by Mark, seconded by Belva. All approved. Motion carried.
- VI. Officer's Reports - Chair - Carrie Voss asked to be respectful and mindful in meeting and that all requests and proposals come through Chair first. Would like to see monthly budget reports from Treasurer. Other discussions would like to move to Additional discussion for budget for training/conferences working toward Mission Statement, invite Dr. Louis Headman for guidance and language conference in July. Vice-Chair - Mark Peniska read Mission Statement and Vision Statement and would like to meet with Chair about extra expenders for extra pay for officers. Secretary - Belva Phillips mentioned that the t-shirts and laptop request are in process. Treasurer - Phil Wendzillo has no monthly report for April and would like to discuss narrative workdays in Additional discussion.
- VII. Guest - Janelle Ali-Dinar, CEO, Ponca Health Services joined the meeting indicating she would be available for questions during PRC updates. Staff Robin Wright discussed the new wallet card that has the contact information and guidelines for medical use, the handbook eligibility for benefits and the opening of the new pharmacy in Lincoln and other pharmacy locations Hy-Vee and Russ's. For questions call PRC, Norfolk Office.

Grace Cramblett gave a presentation on concepts of cyber security and how you can protect yourself and be aware of cybercrime. This was a 45-minute presentation with video.

Lunch - noon - 1pm

Other guest: Stacy Laravie not present. Richard Wright, Jr not present. Invite in July.

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business - Emergency Lodging by Carrie Voss, Chair.

Carrie made a motion to approve for emergency lodging in case of severe weather and in case of illness. Motion to approve emergency lodging by Rita, seconded by Marchita. Roll call votes Rose - Yes, Mark - Yes, Rita - Yes, Christine - Yes, Phil - abstain, because he does not travel, Marchita - Yes, Belva - Yes. Motion carried. Add to budget narrative.

x. Other Business - Meeting in person by Carrie Voss, Chair.

Carrie discussed that it is important that we meet in person so that our meetings run accordingly while everyone is in person, and we can see everyone. Carrie made a motion to approve to meet in person. Motion to meet in person by Christine, seconded by Mark. Roll call votes Rose - Yes, Mark - Yes, Rita - Yes, Christine - Yes, Phil - Yes, Marchita - Yes, Belva - Yes. Motion carried.

x. Additional Discussion - Rose does not approve of Officer's getting additional pay. Secretary is understandable.

Christine agrees. Carrie agrees and with the acceptance of the Secretary.

Carrie would like to name the Powwow grounds. Carrie submitted a naming form and a letter to the Elder's Committee naming the Powwow ground in honor of Alford Joseph Picotte. Carrie made a motion to name Powwow grounds. Motion to name Powwow grounds by Marchita, seconded by Mark. Roll call votes Rose - Yes, Mark - Yes, Rita - Yes, Christine - Yes, Phil - Yes, Marchita - Yes, Belva - Yes. Motion carried.

Carrie would like to invite Dr. Louis Headman to July meeting for guidance for Ponca culture and Ponca language.

Mark suggested to have a two-day meeting in July to make up for cancelled second day meeting in February.

Phil discussed balance of budget and line items for travel and workdays.

Belva would like the Elder's Committee to create a plaque in honor of all the people that helped in keeping the Powwow grounds in order. Belva would like names to acknowledge them. Belva will contact Brent on laptops and make note for two-day meeting in July for Ralston.