



Northern Ponca Elders Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 @ 10 AM / Ponca Office - Ralston

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER @ 10:05 am
- II. ROLL CALL Rita Pitzer, Debbie Robinette, Mark Peniska, Carrie Voss, Belva Phillips.
Life size – Marchita Bair.
Conference call – Phil Wendzillo.
Absent – Rose Birdhead, excused.
Guest: Dr. Louis Headman, Ponca Elder, Otis Warrior, Otoe Tribe, Darrel Wells, Omaha Tribe.
- III. INVOCATION – by Dr. Louis Headman.
- IV. Approval of July 12, 2022, agenda – Motion by Mark, seconded by Debbie. All approved. Motion carried
- v. Approval of minutes – No minutes to approve.
- VI. Officer's Reports Chair – Carrie Voss reminded everyone to be respectful of one another and to raise your hand if you have any questions or comments. Vice-Chair – Mark Peniska read the Mission and Vision statement. Mark will continue to be in contact with Jessica Hitchcock on resource booklet. Secretary – Belva Phillips – none. Treasurer – Phil Wendzillo has sent draft budget to Jessica.
- VII. Old Business – discussed FY2022/23 budget. The Committee worked a draft budget line per line. Mark asked to do a general consensus vote to approve draft budget for Treasurer for the next meeting in August, Phil Wendzillo Treasurer will finish the final draft to submit to Committee for August meeting for final to submit by August 15, 2022, deadline to Jan for Tribal Council's approval. Roll call of votes; Marchita – Yes, Phil – Yes, Rita – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Mark – Yes, Belva – Yes. Rose – absent/excused.
- VIII. New Business – Belva discussed to attend the Southern Ponca Powwow. August 25 – 28, 2022. Belva made a motion to attend for cultural attendance. Interested Carrie Voss, Belva Phillips, Rose Birdhead interested prior to conversation adding to July agenda. Travel arrangements passenger car rental and would designate Darrel Wells driver. Rita Pitzer undecided. Will cancel to Candace or Jan. Motion by Debbie, seconded by Marchita. Roll call of votes; Marchita – Yes, Phil – Yes, Rita – Yes, Debbie –

Yes, Mark – Yes, Belva – Yes. Rose – absent/excused.
All approved. Motion carried.

- ix. Other Business – discussed designating Darrell Wells as driver for the dhegiha language Conference. Belva made a motion to designate Darrell Wells as driver for the dhegiha language Conference under Temporary help. Motion by Debbie, seconded by Rita. Roll call of votes; Marchita – Yes, Phil – Yes, Rita – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Mark – Yes, Belva – Yes. Rose – absent/excused. All approved. Motion carried.

Lunch at noon.

Special guest Dr. Louis Headman presentation 1 pm to 4 pm. Dr. Louis Headman presented parts of culture from his book “Walks on the ground” and told stories of the Ponca people and relatives. Dr. Louis Headman signed books and was available for pictures and questions.

Lunch by Native chef Anthony Warrior. Served a healthy menu from Native based ingredients from the how our ancestors ate, wild rice, bison, vegetables and frybread. Native tea and lemon water was also served as part of the menu.

- x. Additional Discussion – None. If any, Chair would like to table for meeting in August.
- xi. Adjourned @ 3:27 pm by Chair, Carrie Voss.

Next meeting August 12, 2022 / Ponca Office – Niobrara