

Oneida Indians, Inc.

August 6, 1964

CCC Building

Executive Committee Present: Chair Irene Moore, Vic Chair Lee McLester, Treasurer Althea Schuyler, Secretary Eva Danforth

Visiting Officials: Mr. E.J. Riley, Sup't.

Before meeting was called to order, Mrs. Moore made a few statements to those present stating that the absentee ballots accepted at the recent election has been a tradition of the tribe and that she had no intent of being dishonest and had always been fair in all her business with everyone at all times.

She also stated that since the absentee ballots were ruled unconstitutional, she was willing to turn over the Chairmanship of the Tribe to Norbert Hill and stressed that she hoped the new Executive Committee and members of the tribe would cooperate to the fullest with the new chairman.

Mrs. Moore also thanked all those who had helped her through the past years for their support.

A discussion was held concerning the recent caucus preceding the election as business was conducted with no required quorum present.

A discussion was raised as to what the boundaries of the reservation are in regards to who is eligible to vote on tribal business.

Mr. Riley stated the Constitution states that the voters must live on the confines of present reservation which would mean within the boundaries of tribal or trust land.

Question was raised as to who can vote on revising the Oneida Constitution and bylaws.

Mr. Riley answered this by saying that all Oneidas of age would be eligible and ballots would be mailed out to everyone on tribal rolls.

The election will be called by the Secretary of the Interior.

The regular monthly meeting of the Oneida Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Irene Moore.

Minutes of July regular meeting were read.

Question was asked by Ruth Baird as to where the \$1500.00 deposited in the bank came from. And also as to where the \$4,000.00 unclaimed annuity funds came from.

Chairman called on Mr. Riley to explain this again as he had done at the tribal council meeting in July.

Oscar Archiquette inquired as to who authorized the expenditure of these funds. Mr. Riley informed him that the Executive Committee acted in this regard on behalf of the tribe and also advised him that the GIA did not order how this money should be spent, but made recommendations in an advisory capacity.

Motion made by Althea Schuyler to approve the minutes as read, second by Lee McLester. Carried.

Treasurer's report:

Tribal funds \$909.54

Rehab funds 700.00

Motion by Lee McLester to approve the treasurer's report, second by Eva Danforth. Carried.

Discussion was held concerning the property of Vernon Jourdan which was formerly owned by Edward Skenandore. It seemed Edward Skenandore was still entered on tribal records as owing the tribe after Mr. Jourdan had bought the building.

Motion was made by Lee McLester to write off the account charge to Edward Skenandore as paid in full. Second by Althea Schuyler. Carried.

Eva Danforth advised council that the Annual Contribution Contract where en-route, that the abstract for land had cleared and disposition of title would be completed shortly.

Motion by Evan Danforth to give Mrs. Irene Moore the honors in breaking the ground for new Public Housing Development as she has worked toward this goal for a long time, seconded by Lee McLester. Carried.

Chairman reported that a request is being made for re-certification for Workable Program in connection with the housing program.

Chairman advised council that a youth conference and reception will be held at the Oneida Methodist Church hall on August 22 to inspire and inform high school and college students to stay in school and advise them of educational opportunities available to them.

Motion was made by Eva Danforth to authorize treasurer to purchase 50 cards for Artley Skenandore for purpose of sending meeting notices to members of Constitutional Committee, second by Althea Schuyler. Carried.

Motion by Lee McLester to authorize annuity payment for Sadie Powless Hill, second by Althea Schuyler. Carried.

Question was raised as to the identity of Irma Trepania. Council was advised that he could deliver mail to her personally in Green Bay and that she was the daughter of Clarence Wheelock.

Discussion was held concerning balance on tribal books in regards to Isaiah Cornelius. Motion was made by Eva Danforth to write off the account of Isaiah Cornelius as paid in full as Mr. Noron John said he knew Mr. Cornelius was paid up and had a refund due him at time of last payment.

Motion was made by Eva Danforth to have Irene Moore continue helping Althea Schuyler finish up work on birth enrollments, second by Lee McLester. Carried.

Motion by Althea Schuyler to reimburse Irene Moore \$3.15 for postage, phone bill for \$7.52 and other expenses incurred for business of tribe, second by Lee McLester. Carried.

Secretary inquired of Mr. Riley if tribe must retain old ballots and was advised they must be retained for one year.

Council advised Mr. Riley that Hyson Smith Summers did not receive his annuity payment.

Motion by Lee McLester to adjourn, second by Althea Schuyler. Carried.

Officers for ensuing year were sworn in.

Eva Danforth
Tribal Secretary

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