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Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

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Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

Special Meeting
October 19, 1979
3 p.m.

Present: Chrmn. Purcell Powless, V-Chrmn. Norbert Hill, Secretary Wanda Webster, Treasurer Wendell McLester, Members: Mark Powless, Margaret Doxtater, Loretta Metoxen, Myron SMith.
Excused: Edwin King Jr.

Also Present: Ernie Stevens, Jerry Hill, Ron Skenandore.

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. Wendell requested this special meeting regarding Bob Archiquette letter and to resolve the financial situtation.

Discussion regarding letter from Bob. Loretta responded that she wrote the letter but she would not sign as he wanted. We are in drastic need of an accountant. Bob has been notified that he had the job, he was suppose to start work Oct. 9, 1979. Wendell stated we need legal advice. Loretta's opinion was 1. We recieve legal opinion from legal dept. 2. We reevaluate job description-post as is or revise and post. Loretta moved no action be taken until we get legal advice. Margaret seconded. Vote was 5 for with 1 oppose (Myron) and 1 abstention (Mark).

Financial Situtation: Chrmn. Powless reported that the Tribe is deficit spending. Loretta gave a report from the finance committee, the general fund is depleted. We are 3 months in arrears in paying payroll taxes and there is a penatly of 5% daily. One of the reasons are budgets are not turned in on time. Mark commented "we learn from our mistakes". Programs should spend only amount needed per month. Loretta read a recommendation from the finance committee which was to: 1. Lay off people at 4:30 today. 2. Borrow enough money as needed. (no action was taken until a later time in the meeting). A letter from the Nursing Home was read regarding what they can do to help alleviate our situtation.

Wendell made a motion, Mark seconded, that we get legal advice concerning the accountant situtation, by Monday, October 22, 1979. Motion carried unanimously.

Ernie Stevens suggested a good system the Tribe could benefit from. Wendell requested Ernie to put his recommendations in writing and present them to the Business Committee.

Wendell request: 1. Audit, 2. His office should be located near accounting office, 3. needs to seek out technical assistance, 4. That the Tribe assist an IPA program in Oneida. Margaret moved to approve Wendells requests, Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Wendell will not come on board until adequate funding is available. We can request his presence here.

Loretta made a motion to request Wendell to work at Oneida as soon as possible, for 1 month. Requesting his services through Native American Center, Stevens Point, WI. Mark seconded the motion. Vote was 6 for with one abstention. Motion carried.

Jerry Hill explained training package from Bear Chief & Assoc. He also gave ideas Directors and orientation for new employees.

Loretta moved to approve BIA Bureau Master Contracts, subject to investigation of indirect cost. Wendell seconded. Vote was 5 for and 2 abstentions.

Directors are not advised of indirect cost changes.

Norbert Hill will be hosting the German visitors on Monday, so vocation will be one day longer.

Margaret made motion from the Ad Hoc Committee to designate Priscilla Manders as the contact person responsible to the Oneida Tribe. Loretta seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Oneida Tribal School: Budget and resolution, Norbert moved to approve budget, Wendell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark moved to lay off Business Committee Members. No support. Motion dies.

Loretta suggested, in concurrence with Wendell, that we borrow the amount of money needed.

Margaret made a motion that we need documentation^{+signature} from whoever knows our financial situation. Vote was 6 for with 1 abstention. (Myron)

Margaret moved to adjourn at 5:35

Respectfully submitted

Wanda Webster

Wanda Webster, Tribal Secretary