

AppEnablerOneida Indians, Inc.

Executive Committee

February 3, 1964

CCC Building

Regular

Present: Chairman Irene Moore, Vice Chair Lee McLester, Treasurer Althea Schuyler, Secretary Eva Danforth

Meeting called to order by Chairman Irene Moore.

Minutes of January meeting were read.

Motion was made by Althea Schuyler to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Lee McLester. Carried.

Treasurer's report read as follows:

Tribal fund \$480.65

Motion by Lee McLester to approve Treasurer's report. Seconded by Eva Danforth. Carried.

Mrs. Jemima Metoxen and Frank Danforth were at meeting to discuss the house of Nick Denny. At present Frank Danforth is living in the house and has an agreement with Mr. Denny that the house will belong to Mr. Danforth in exchange for Mr. Denny's care. However, Mr. Denny is presently staying with Mrs. Metoxen in Sturgeon Bay and now it appears he would like to sell his house and remain with Mrs. Metoxen.

After further discussion Mr. Danforth said he would buy the house after an appraisal has been made or sell his investment in the house which would include wiring and drilling a well.

A motion was made by Lee McLester to have the building appraised minus the improvements by Frank Danforth. Seconded by Althea Schuyler. Carried.

Secretary was advised to notify Nick Denny and allow him to appoint an appraiser and also furnish him a list of improvements made on assignment by Frank Danforth.

A land application was presented for Mrs. Elizabeth Dennison (5 acres). A motion was made by Althea Schuyler to approve the land application. Second by Lee McLester. Carried.

Oscar Archiquette was at meeting to help establish the degree of Indian blood of the children of Ruth Ninham Kerker. He stated that Abram, Melinda – deceased, Nelson Ninham and George Ninham all had been incorrectly listed as  $\frac{3}{4}$  and actually are  $\frac{4}{4}$  degree Indian blood. According to this Ruth Yvonne Ninham would be  $\frac{1}{2}$  Oneida and her children  $\frac{1}{4}$  Oneida Indian which would make her children eligible for enrollment. Mr. Oscar Archiquette pointed out that at the time of enrollment, these people may not even have known enough of the English language to answer the question correctly if they had been consulted and probably didn't realize at the time the importance the correct degree of blood would be in future years.

A motion was made by Lee McLester to correct the degree of Indian blood of Abram Ninham's family to be  $\frac{4}{4}$ . Seconded by Althea Schuyler. Carried.

The Oneida Housing Authority were at the meeting to inform the Executive Committee of progress made on housing.

Artley Skenandore Chairman said that the authority has received program reservations on the Mutual Help Hosing program with possible consideration for a pilot program here. He added that in as much as it is such a new program, there were many questions unanswered. He said the Chicago office didn't favor remodeling old buildings in connection with this program as they will have to have a certain set of standards and would possibly set up a temporary factory to make their own materials.

It was also suggested that this Mutual Help program be built on a community basis rather than on scattered individual assignments.

Mr. Skenandore said that in the event of default in meeting payments this land and buildings could be put up for public sale if another individual Indian couldn't buy it. He said an amendment requesting more housing for elderly has been approved by Chicago office but not in Washington as yet. 40 units for mutual help housing were approved. Much discussion held concerning expenses being advanced along with PHA loan.

Council advised that contracts are now being made but the Housing Authority at present doesn't quite know where the premium on fidelity bonds will come from;

approximately \$337.50. Discussion held concerning a location for mutual help hosing.

Chairman Skenandore estimated that some decision should be made within 30 days in this regard. He said the project planner would be here the week of February 16<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Lee McLester to advance Oneida Housing Authority the sum of \$25.00 for operation expenses upon request of Housing Authority. Seconded by Althea Schuyler. Carried.

A telephone bill was presented by Mrs. Moore for \$51.94. Motion by Eva Danforth to authorize treasurer to reimburse Mrs. Moore for phone bill in amount of \$5.94 and also to authorize treasurer to purchase stamps and stationery in amount of \$5.00. Seconded by Lee McLester. Carried.

Motion by Lee McLester to accept the amount of \$35.00 from Norman Schauman for logs at CCC ground. Seconded by Althea Schuyler. Carried.

Council discussed having the American Jewish Students or Quakers in regards to coming to Oneida for work projects on reservations but came to no definite conclusion.

Motion was made by Eva Danforth to write to Senator Proxmire and Nelson in regards to the Civil Rights Bill and Operation Bootstrap Reservation Style stating that we are in favor of it.

Motion by Althea Schuyler to adjourn. Seconded by Lee McLester. Carried.

Eva Danforth  
Tribal Secretary

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