

Name of Tribe---Oneida Indians Inc.

Minutes of meeting held by ---Executive Committee

Place of meeting---Oneida CCC Bldg.

a quorum present---no

Regular or Special---Special

Date of Meeting---May 25, 1964

Name and title of Council members present---Chairman Irene Moore, Vice-Ch. Lee McLeister, Treas. Althea Schuyler, Secretary Eva Danforth.

Visiting Officials--- Mr. E. J. Riley, Superintendent, and Howard Potter

### M I N U T E S

A special meeting was held at CCC bldg. to meet with Mr. Riley to discuss how the check on the accumulated unclaimed annuity checks from 1921 thru 1951, amounting to \$4,000.00 should be handled and to review errors in present roll, consisting mainly of persons who thru some error did not receive their share of current annuity payment.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Moore.

Mr. Riley advised Committee that he was very interested in contacting an Oneida Haskell student to work in the Ashland Agency and had references on a daughter of Lynas Skenandore and a Summers girl. Council advised him that the Skenandore girl was scheduled to go to Washington, but gave him directions to meet with her before leaving Oneida. He stated she had a very good recommendation from Haskell and they would be pleased to have her work in Ashland.

Discussion was held concerning the life assignment of Jonas and Cora House, as Council had asked him to look into the legality of Mrs. House's daughter, Susan House Weiss being granted a standard assignment to this land. Mr. Riley informed Council that Mrs. House has a life assignment and can do what she wants to with the house, but cannot convey the land to any one during her lifetime, as this will revert back to the Tribe upon her death, and so advised Council to revoke the assignment granted to Susan House Weiss.

Discussion was held concerning the returning of birth certificates, as Mr. Riley said they were missing quite a few letters in this regard. Treasurer told him they are in the process of mailing them back, but as to the large volume on hand haven't finished them.

Mr. Riley read a list of legitimate Oneidas who did not receive annuity checks, and stated that action would have to be taken to pay these people their share of annuity as they are entitled to it. Among those in question were Lillian Arndt who didn't receive her check and thought her ex-husband may have received it in care of Abbie Schuyler. Council advised Mr. Riley that Abbie Schuyler is now deceased, so he said he would check to locate Raymond House, ex-husband to Lillian Arndt. Council was advised that Alex Denny was listed deceased thru error, and should be issued a check. Also Mrs. Nancy Cornelius, wife of Ira Cornelius, should be issued a check. Marion Metoren, of 729 So. Adams, Green Bay, Wis. was also listed deceased thru error, and should be issued a check.

Cornelius Skenandore, son of Electa Skenandore to be issued check, also Mr. Flanigan K. Hill --to be issued check, Rose W. Guyette (former Rose Powless) to be issued check.

Council was requested to check the 1951 roll for identity of Mrs. Ralph A. Cox (Richards Maxine Coulon) to determine if she is the daughter of Elizabeth Silas Coulon and advise Agency.

Arthur N. Charles, son of Hilton Charles was listed deceased thru error and is to be issued check. Daniel Stevens, son of Baptist H Stevens was omitted from roll, and check should be issued.

Gerald Webster inadvertently omitted from roll should be issued check.

Discussion was held concerning two foster children living with David Skenandore Sr. who's birth certificates were lost, and therefore didn't get on roll. Mr. Riley said he would check with the Skenandores to get their names, and Mr. Potter said he would try to get birth certificates for the child in Madison, so they could be issued checks.

Council was requested to check on returning birth certificates for Victor Reuben Gonzalez.

Discussion was held concerning the land assigned to Alfrieda Bratten, as Council had taken action to revoke it as she is living in Chicago. Mr. Riley said he received a letter from her, and decided to wait until June meeting to answer as Mrs. Bratten was planning to be at that meeting.

Discussion was held concerning the William Danforth assignment, as Council had been advised that he was renting his land. Council advised to write to Art Reetmester and call William Danforth to meet and notifying him that his land assignment will be revoked if he continues to rent it.

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Discussion was held concerning the accumulated unclaimed annuity checks dating back from 1921 to 1951, which was paid by check to the Oneida Tribe recently in the amount of \$4000.00.

Mr. Riley explained that this money actually belongs to each individual Oneida and suggested that an interest-bearing account be opened in Seymour, separate from the Tribal Account in Green Bay.

1. one he suggested that approximately \$200.00 be set aside to pay all authorized persons who did not receive their share of disbursed annuity checks this year.

No. two he suggested that Council should decide how much money Council had used out of the Rehab. fund for work and expenses on Tribal roll and designate that amount to be reimbursed to Rehab. fund.

No. three he suggested that approximately \$1000. or balance of \$4000.00 be set aside in a savings certificate for work on Tribal roll 10 years from now. However he said if the General Tribal Council would propose to use this amount otherwise, it would be within their powers to pass a resolution to this effect.

Discussion was also held concerning the budget for fiscal year of 1965; Council was advised to act on a resolution in this regard at June 1, 1964 meeting to estimate expenses. ~~and draw~~ After this budget is estimated and acted on, he estimated we could possibly draw on Right-of-Way money by Aug. Council questioned Mr. Riley as to legality of holding the annual Tribal Caucus with the General Tribal Council meeting this year, as no election was called to amend the Tribal Constitution to that effect. Mr. Riley said he would check on this.

Mr. Riley requested Council to allow him to take their copy of the Powers given to the Executive Committee with him to Ashland and said he would return them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Eva Danforth  
Tribal Secretary