


Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.

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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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UGWA DEHOLUH YATENE

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.

REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 1979
8 p.m.

Present: Chrmn. Purcell Powless, V-Chrmn. Norbert Hill, Secretary Patricia Misikin,
Members: Margaret Doxtater, Myron Smith and Loretta Metoxen
Mark Powless, Absent; Edwin King, excused

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. Prayer was said by Amelia. Roll call taken. Quorum present.

MINUTES: Correction was made on page 2 of the 3/27/79 special minutes in the fourth paragraph whereby the sentence would read: "The IRA plan was not included but should have been listed as another option." The phrase "and would probably cost more" was deleted. Minutes were approved as corrected with no other corrections or additions.

Minutes of 4/2/79 special meeting, 4/2/79 regular meeting, 4/5/79 special meeting, 4/11/79 special meeting and 4/12/79 special meeting were all approved as written.

TABLED BUSINESS: First item of tabled business concerned the proposed wage scale and 6% annual increases. Myron moved to table the wage scale to allow time for review. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Tony suggested that the Business Committee consider his interim plan saying that it would take 5 weeks to complete the classification of positions and then to allow time for implementation.

Next item of business that was tabled concerned the Health Board minutes of 3/22/79. Margaret moved to approve the resignation of Alma Webster from the Health Board. Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pat moved to approve Richard Powless to fill the vacancy on the Health Board. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Harriet Alicea requested a special meeting with the Health Board and the Business Committee. Loretta moved to meet with the Health Board on April 30, 1979 at 1:30 p.m. at the Tribal Building. Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Margaret moved to approve the Health Board minutes of 3/22/79. Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Last item of tabled business was Ed Baginski's memo of 3/20/79 and he asked per the Tribal Secretary to table the memo to the special meeting on 4/20/79.

KALI WISAKS: Motion was made by Pat to approve the March monthly report of Kali Wisaks. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ONEIDA HOUSING AUTHORITY: Pat moved to approve the March monthly report of OHA. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ONEIDA ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: Question was asked about where the \$588 additional funds were indicated in the revised budget presented. Response indicated that the sum was shown in the last column and distributed between the different categories. Loretta moved to approve the revised budget. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ONEIDA SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP: Request was made to approve a budget for 20 weeks to include the month of March so to allow the Epworth Hall Group to seek continued funding from other outside sources. Total request for 20 weeks was \$1840 with total in-kind contributions amounting to \$1404. Loretta moved to approve the request. Myron seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Hurley Parkhurst read a letter indicating the effort being made on behalf of this group by ORCOA to seek funding.

IROQUOIS FARMS: Resolution was presented for approval that asked approval from the Business Committee to allow Iroquois Farms to pursue any/all funds through grants, contracts, gifts or exchanges or any other beneficial resources. Tribal Secretary read the resolution to those present. Myron moved to adopt the resolution and Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget was also presented but will be held in abeyance contingent on Chas. presenting the "definitive report" requested earlier.

Chas. indicated that seeds are now available for gardens of the membership. In addition, he reported that the "Tribal bull" was shot but not on Tribal property. Bull had been loose for several days. He felt the Tribe should have a system in which to pursue such situations. Per Loretta, she felt that the animal should have been anesthetized and put under control before it could hurt people or destroy property. The animal was valued at approximately \$600.

HEALTH: Margaret made a motion to approve the February Health report. Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Loretta and seconded by Pat to approve the March report. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Motion was made by Margaret to approve the March Personnel Manager's report. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH BOARD: Request was made to approve the minutes of the Health Board dated 4/9/79. Loretta moved and Margaret seconded to approve the Health Board minutes of 4/9/79. Motion carried unanimously.

PARA-LEGAL PROGRAM: Pat moved to approve the Para-Legal Program report dated 4/16/79. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Removal Ordinance was submitted by Francis Skenandore. Ordinance provided under Section 1 for suspension of a Business Committee member for failure to attend four regular Business Committee meetings consecutively without a valid excuse and for the Treasurer refusing to be bonded or unable to be bonded. Section 2 of the Ordinance provides for removal of a Business Committee member by the General Tribal Council for cause: (1) Any violation of the oath of office; (2) Failure to fulfill the duties of

the office; (3) Failure to follow directives of the General Tribal Council and (4) Drinking on the job or while on Tribal Business elsewhere. Loretta moved to adopt the Ordinance up to Section II. Margaret seconded. Vote was 3 for, 1 opposed and 1 present (abstention). Motion carried.

MUSEUM: Discussion ensued on the financial needs of the Museum. It was suggested that the subject of finances for the Museum be taken up at the special meeting to be held on 4/20/79 with the Controller and the Grants Coordinator regarding 638 funds. Loretta moved to approve the March monthly report of the Museum. Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Crooks announced that the Museum will be having a preview opening on Saturday, April 21, 1979 from 4 to 8 p.m. Amelia asked to borrow chairs from the Tribal Building for the preview. General consensus was to allow the request for chairs if Amelia would be responsible for picking up and returning them.

EDUCATION: Motion was made by Myron and seconded by Margaret to approve the Education Board minutes of 3/20/79. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Myron and seconded by Pat to approve the Language Committee minutes of 3/27/79. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued about the cost of living raise if funds are available for those Language Project employees who have not had a raise in a year or more. Loretta moved that we act on this request at the same time we act on the wage scale and the interim wage scale that was presented by Tony. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Wage scale discussion and action will be on April 30th.

Motion was made by Loretta to approve Ron Skenandore's March monthly report. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel permission was requested for Rochelle Primeau, Jerry Hill and Margaret Doxtater to travel to Yakima, Washington, on April 17 - 19, 1979. Pat moved to approve the request. Norbert seconded. Vote was 3 for, 1 opposed (Myron) and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT: Mr. Ronald DePerry, Project Coordinator of the Child & Family Outreach Development Program under GLITC made a presentation on the Indian Child Welfare Act. His presentation outlined the various Titles of the Act and other pertinent data relative to how Tribes could assume jurisdiction. Mr. DePerry asked what direction our Tribe might be planning to take as far as the Act is concerned. Response indicated that we would probably develop our code sometime in the future but that immediate action is not imminent. He then requested the name of a contact person locally. Because our social services personnel would be handling such concerns in the future, it was suggested that someone from that area be the contact person. Loretta moved to designate Luetta El Saadi as the contact person to pursue the matter on behalf of the Tribe. Myron seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANTS COORDINATOR: Loretta moved to approve the monthly report of the Grants Coordinator. Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chas. stated he received a letter from the Solicitor indicating that trust money could be available to refinance all our loans and then to provide additional monies for the Farm. He offered this as an alternative suggestion for investing the trust money. The Tribe

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could borrow the money to consolidate its loans with a prudent plan of repayment. Loretta stated she would consider the proposal only on a good plan and with the Accountant's advice and also with only then with a very careful plan. No further discussion.

Loretta requested travel permission to Madison on Wednesday of this week and also to attend a WCOIE meeting on April 23 and 24. Pat moved to approve the travel requests. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Loretta also requested from Ted all the materials on those two days from the T & TA training sessions.

Norbert moved to adjourn. Margaret seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Misikin, Tribal Secretary