



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 YATEHE
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 BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING

October 27, 1981

9:10 A.M.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. Howard Cannon was asked to take minutes in the absence of the Secretary.

ROLL CALL: Present were Gary Metoxen, Chairman; Norbert Hill, Vice Chairman; Wendell Mc Lester, Treasurer; and Committee persons Howard Cannon, Mark Powless, Joy Ninham and Tony Benson. Secretary, Wanda Webster was excused. Others in attendance were Attorneys Francis Skenandore and Gerald Hill. Loretta Metoxen was also present.

STATUS OF SEMINARY PROPERTY: Loretta Metoxen
Loretta reported that there are 118.24 acres of land occupied by the Seminary, title of which will be reaffirmed in the name of the Tribe. Recovery is being sought by the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay for buildings and other improvements in the amount of 1.3 million dollars. Negotiations for satisfaction are in progress with Loretta Metoxen of the Oneida Land Committee and Attorney Francis Skenandore representing the Tribe. The negotiating team for the Diocese includes Fr. David Kieffer, Fr. Dean Dombrowski, Attorney Phil Behm and Administrator for the Diocese John Nelson.

American Can Co. is able to contribute 40 to 400 thousand dollars for the purchase of the improvements contingent on what the Tribe can contribute. It was suggested that the Tribe commit \$100,000 to \$200,000. A firm commitment is necessary at this time so that it can be presented at the November meeting of the Can Co. board

A contribution is also being sought from the De Rance, Inc. a Catholic foundation in Milwaukee.

Mark moved to have the Tribe commit \$100,000 over a period of five years and that the Tribal Finance and Appropriations Committee draft the necessary documents for the scheduling of payments etc. Second by Norbert - motion carried.

TOBACCO SALES: Oneida Law Office

At a meeting with Sharon Metz the attorneys were informed that a contingency of Democrat legislators who opposed the Governor's budget the veto did so on the strength that the budget did not include funding for social service programs. Two alternatives were presented by the group:

1. Accept the Governor's figures as presented in his budget and rearrange the monies to include funding of social service programs.
2. Come up with new sources of additional monies that will include the funding

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for the necessary social service programs. Contingent with this recommendation the group projected 3.1 million dollars in revenues from Indian tobacco sales as a source.

Other action relative to Indian tobacco sales was the Prosser Bill and opposition by the Attorney General of the state. The Prosser Bill has projected a loss in revenues to the State resulting from Indian Tobacco sales in the amount of 1.3 million dollars per year. It was also reported that in support of Prosser documentary films are being shown which are very damaging to the Indian enterprise. The Attorney General is vehemently opposed to individual Indians purchasing land outside of reservation boundaries, placing such land in trust status and establishing Indian tobacco outlets on such lands. Oneida Tribal Controller has put together data to show amount and use of revenues collected by the Tribe from tobacco.

A Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council will be held in Wausau on Friday, October 30, 1981 to discuss the challenges Indians are faced with in their tobacco sales enterprises among other things.

CAUCUS PROCEDURES: Memo from Chairman Metoxen

Memo from the Chairman requests the Law Office to draft up a temporary ordinance for conducting the up coming caucus scheduled for November 5, 1981.

To answer the question "Is a quorum necessary to conduct a caucus?" the answer was that it is not. Another question alluded to the rule that only five nominees for each position on the council can be chosen from the floor. Francis explained that at the time the amendment was passed there were only the five officers on the committee. The five committee persons added to the council was action subsequent to the amendment and that the amendment did not apply to the five council persons added.

Francis suggested that the Roll Clerk be present as part of the election committee for the election process. Loretta suggested that (she) be present as a technical assistant and not as a part of the election committee. → Roll Clerk

Wendell moved to accept the Chairmans request directing the Law Office to draft temporary caucus procedures - second by Joy - motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The business committee went into executive session at 10.05 A.M. to discuss personell relations within the committee. Discussion also included GTC agenda and publicizing of B.C. minutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.