



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

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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-SPECIAL MEETING-

Oneida, WI 54155

Approved by Regular Meeting August 16, 1982



HOWA BEHOLUH TATEH

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.

JULY 26, 1982

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Vice-Chairman

- Present: Norbert Hill, Wendell McLester, Gordon McLester, Howard Cannon, Mark Powless, Tony Benson, Frank Cornelius
- Excused: Gary Metoxen
- Others: Lloyd Powless, Dick Shikoski, Ted White, Rose Laitinen, Marge Stevens, Loretta Webster

ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

There was a question on how the Tribe can start receiving third party billings. Ted said he couldn't get the information together in time for this meeting. So he couldn't tell us how the third party billing would have an effect, but the Tribe can't charge for third party billing until we have certified counselors. We should have one certified counselor by the end of the year. Ted stated he sent in the proposal the Business Committee approved last week for funding and he is working on another proposal dealing with chemical dependency to be sent in shortly.

Marge Stevens read the following statement:

TRIBAL POLICY STATEMENT ON INDIAN ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

Statistically across the country alcoholism has reached epidemic proportions. Whereas Oneida may not statistically fit in with the American (i.e. white middle-class) dream, this community shares the unfortunate statistic of alcoholism. The definition of alcoholism developed by the National Council on Alcoholism, the American Medical Association and the Alcoholism Committee state: Alcoholism is a chronic, progressive, and potentially fatal disease. It is characterized by: tolerance, physical dependency and/or pathological organ changes all of which are the direct or indirect consequence of the alcohol ingested. Therefore there are physical, emotional and social changes in the individual suffering from the disease of alcoholism. Alcoholism is a disease and not a moral issue of a person with the preceding, it is evident the Oneida Community is inflicted with a disease of epidemic proportions.

At the same time this is occurring the Chemical Dependency Department is being cut in funding to the point it will no longer be in existence. The duties currently performed by the present staff include (1) individual counseling, (2) group counseling, (3) family counseling, (4) client intake, (5) client

orientation (6) client education (7) client motivation (8) treatment planning (9) consultation (10) referral (11) case management (12) utilization (13) reports and record-keeping (14) client follow-up (15) client aftercare (16) crisis intervention and (17) community outreach.

In 1978, 95% of the Oneida community stated alcohol is a problem. If the Chemical Dependency Department is allowed to close, Outagamie and Brown County will have to pick up and provide those services to the Oneida people. This will, of course, mean the people will have to go to either Appleton, or Green Bay for the services available here. The problems of transportation are obvious. However, the problem is great that that. Alcoholism is not the isolated individual moral problem it was once portrayed as. Instead, alcoholism is a personal, a family and a community illness, therefore, it must be dealt with on all three levels here to be successful.

Furthermore, it is important the community leaders pledge their support to combat this illness.

Marge Stevens asked that the Business Committee not let the Chemical Dependency Program end because of the overwhelming problem we have in the Oneida community. Some of the people that have had problems and have had treatment want to stay away from getting into these problems again. They need help to reinforce them because drugs and alcoholism are all around them. The idea of a Recreation room for people to go to was discussed. Marge feels 5 to 6 people working in a chemical dependency program would really make a difference in the Community. Every effort made to get certification.

CHR question. Ted was hopeful that the funding will be extended to the first of the year, but funding for next year is not looking good at all.

Mark asked Ted and his staff to put together a proposal for the use of the CAP office as a Recreation Center to help the Chemical Dependency Program.

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Rose Laitinen was in the office this morning for orientation. She is the new OTE manager.

NEWSPAPER - Lloyd Powless

Grace Koehler, Machine Operator, and I started on May 24, 1982. Our first few weeks were spent getting to know each other and the equipment we would be using. We also reorganized the office and more or less spring cleaned. The offset machine has had a lot of bugs but each is gradually being worked out. As each problem is solved, Grace gets to understand the characteristics of the offset, master maker, and etching machine. A report was filed with the Tribal Administrator which can be sent to Gannett Foundation concerning their grant toward purchase of the offset. Tribal forms used by all program should be made by the Reproduction Center and distributed from some central point. I was also contacted by Pau Demain of LCO concerning setting up a print shop here similar to the one in LCO. The person who runs that shop will be contacting me and/or Bruce King.

The prices for all offset work was raised 10%. These prices are still approximately 10% below Insty Print. The key problem is collating. Large orders are especially cumbersome and time consuming. I will be talking to people in the area about cost and space needed for an adequate collating system for our needs. Kalihwisaks is starting to grow. The first monthly issue was about 300, June was 470, and July about 700. I project that by the end of the year, distribution will reach between

1200-1500 tribal members. Kalihwisaks also has access to a darkroom at Sacred Heart Center. I had a man from Harman Photo come out and show us how to develop film and fill our own film cartridges. We need to experiment with the camera and darkroom before we can start putting pictures in Kalihwisaks. Our machinery can handle it because we put some pictures in the Pow-Wow Program. We have a CETA youth worker for the summer. Ann Doxtator will be working with us as general office helper. She replaces our RNIP helpers. When Ann finishes we will reevaluate our situation and see if we need RNIP workers again.

The Xerox machine has also been getting the bugs worked out. We have begun to provide this as a service for Sacred Heart Center Tribal Programs. Our funds currently come from the 638 grant and are planned to be in the indirect cost budget this October.

Recommendations:

1. Develop and implement collating system.
2. Enter into maintenance agreement for offset and other machines if feasible. (This recommendation came from discussions with Rose Melchert).
3. Study feasibility of Print Shop with LCO representative.
4. Limit size of Kalihwisaks or change cover format.
5. Send out weekly newsbrief to immediate area.
6. Set up advisory board.
7. Discuss possibility of Kalihwisaks Annual which can be sold based on orders.
8. Duplicate all forms used by the Tribe in bulk and distribute from central point.

HEALTH BOARD VACANCY

Frank asked that the subject be brought back to the floor and the action of the Business Committee on filling the vacancy on the Health Board be reviewed. Howard made a motion that we reconsider the action of the Business Committee on filling the vacancy on the Health Board. Frank seconded. Howard, Frank and Wendell voted yes, Mark, Tony and Gordon voted no. The vote was a tie and the Vice-Chairman Norbert voted no. The action was not reconsidered.

There was discussion on how the Business Committee can work closer with the Policy and Procedures. The Business Committee discussed that the 3rd week in August be tentatively set aside to work on Policy and Procedures and other business we have left by the wayside. Also, the new Business Committee member will be aboard and this might be a good time to cover this.

The Tribal secretary will look for a place away from the Civic Center, and an Agenda will be developed. All Business Committee members will give the secretary the things they have a concern and put these things together.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INDIANS ON AGING

Anna John gave the Business Committee a letter of the cost of the Reno conference. The estimated cost is \$728.00. The Business Committee approved the trip for Anna John and now the Finance Committee should seek out funds.

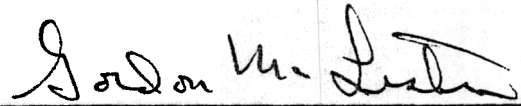
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MINING RIGHTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Howard is forming a sub-committee to work on the mining and water rights of the Tribe. He will bring back the information they will be working on for review.

Tony made a motion to recess. Frank seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gordon McLester". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary