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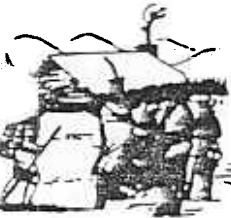
Oneida, WI 54155



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UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE
Because of the help of this
Oneida Chief in cementing
a friendship between the
six nations and the Colony
of Pennsylvania, a new na-
tion, the United States, was
made possible



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

SPECIAL MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1986

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Richard Hill-Vice Chairman, Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, L. Gordon McLester-Secretary, Lloyd Powless, Lois Powless, Mark Powless, David King-Council Members

Excused: Purcell Powless-Chairman, Tony Benson-Council Member (Both in Washington, D.C.)

Others: Barbara Schuman, Francis Skenandore

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Indian Child Welfare Resolution
Health Board Appointment
Set Time of Meeting with the Tribal School
State Senate Bill 507 (Indian Burial Legislation)
Proposed Changes at the Health Center
Business Committee Budget

Lois moved to adopt the agenda with the additions. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

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PERSONNEL - Barbara Schuman

FOR INFORMATION: Geraldine Nicholas has been promoted to the position of Accounting Clerk/Accounts Receivable.

INDIAN PEOPLES ADVISORY CENTER - Lois Powless

Indian Peoples Advisory Center (IPAC) is an independent organization dedicated to the preservation and growth of the American Indian Tribes. IPAC was founded by John Reese and David Redic. It is not a political action committee. IPAC will neither endorse nor condemn any candidate for any political office. IPAC does not seek to influence any legislation.

INDIAN PEOPLES ADVISORY CENTER (Continued)

IPAC serves the numerous communities of American Indians living in the United States. Because of treaty agreements, American Indians are subject to the shifting policies of the Federal Government. Tribal Councils and Elders need information concerning the actions of the Government in order to make the decisions necessary to insure the survival and growth of their Tribes. This information has to be accurate and as current as possible. To this end, IPAC's staff combs the volumes of rules, regulations, notices, legislative actions, etc., generated daily by all branches of the Federal Government searching for information of vital interest to American Indians. This information is relayed to the Tribes as soon as it becomes known to IPAC. It is then the responsibility of each individual Tribe to determine its own course of action.

IPAC is in active contact with 272 different Tribes from 46 States. In addition to reservation Indians, IPAC is providing information to urban Indian groups and to the Native Associations and Native Regional Corporations of Alaska.

IPAC receives absolutely no funding from anywhere in the Federal Government. IPAC is supported financially by contributions from concerned Indians and non-Indians, individuals and corporations.

IPAC is requesting funds from Tribes so they can continue to provide information to the tribes.

After discussion, Lois agreed to get more information on the organization.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE RESOLUTION #3-11-86-A - Richard Hill

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 USC §1901 et. seq., effective on May 8, 1979, and

WHEREAS, federal program budgets are being reduced pursuant to the Gramm Rudman legislation, and

WHEREAS, said budget cuts in the Indian Child Welfare Act are being proposed by the B.I.A., and

WHEREAS, such reduction in the I.C.W. area would render the act moot and meaningless, due to the resulting cut back in services, and

WHEREAS, such reduction is an assault on the most vulnerable of Oneida people, the women and children, and

WHEREAS, said assault will encourage the break up of families due to the lack of services that has become essential to the Oneida Tribe.

RESOLUTION #3-11-86-A (Continued)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that in the best interest of our children and their future, the Indian Child Welfare Act be exempted from Gramm Rudman cuts just as the nations other poverty programs of A.F.D.C. and Food Stamps have been excluded.

Lois moved to adopt Resolution #3-11-86-A, Lloyd seconded. Kathy abstained Motion carried.

SCHEDULE THE MEETING TIME WITH THE TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD

Gary Cornelius confirmed the meeting time with the Tribal School Board at 6:30 p.m., on March 17, 1986, in the Norbert Hill Center Cafeteria.

STATE SENATE BILL 507

Sharon Metz called the Tribe to ask for support of Senate Bill 507, this is the bill dealing with Indian Burial Legislation. The American Indian Study Committee had been working on the legislation and they recommend approval of the bill as is. Sharon Metz chaired the A.I.S.C. If the Tribe supports this bill, letters of support should be sent to Senator Hanaway and Senator Van Sistine.

Dave moved to send letters of support on Bill 507 to Senators Hanaway and Van Sistine. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT

There was a question on Barbara Ventura's appointment to the Health Board, being that she is an employee at the Health Center.

All Policy and procedures had been reviewed and the appointment is in compliance with Policies and Procedures and the Rules and By-Laws of the Oneida Health Board.

UPDATE ON THE NEW YORK LAND CLAIMS MEETING - Francis Skenandore/Gordon McLester/Rick Hill

On March 3 - 6, 1986, Rick Hill, Gordon McLester and Francis Skenandore met in Washington, D.C. for a Land Claims meeting with N.A.R.F. Attorney Arlinda Locklear, Attorney Norman Dorsen, our local Council in New York State and Historian Jack Campisi.

The following points were discussed at the meeting:

1. Procedural questions on how the Negotiations should be stated and conducted.

NEW YORK LAND CLAIMS (Continued)

2. Strategy points in relation to the other Oneida parties.
3. Oneidas opening demand at the start of negotiations.
4. Oneida bottom line during negotiations

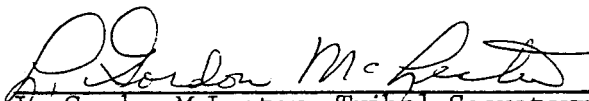
FACILITATOR HOWARD ROWLEY

Mr. Howard Rowley was asked to be a facilitator by the New York delegation to bring about a workable conclusion to the Oneida Land Claims. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that negotiation should be conducted with the principals delegated the authority and not with any neutral party or facilitator such as Mr. Howard Rowley. A letter was drafted expressing the displeasure at the way Howard Rowley was appointed and assumed to be facilitator for the Oneidas without consulting the Oneidas on whether a facilitator or neutral party is required.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled during May, 1986.

Lois moved to approve the drafted letter to New York Governor Cuomo expressing our concerns of Howard Rowley as a facilitator in the Oneida Land Claims discussions with the recommended changes from Francis Skenandore. Lloyd seconded. Mark abstained. Motion carried.

11:00 Mark moved to recess, Gordon seconded. Motion carried.



W. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee