

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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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 nation, the United States, was made possible

Approved As  
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## SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1987

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Richard Hill-Vice Chairman, Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, L. Gordon McLester-Tribal Secretary, Lloyd E. Powless, Jr., Lois Powless, Mark Powless, Tony Benson-Council Members

**EXCUSED:** Purcell Powless-Chairman, David King-Council Member

**OTHERS:** Reverend James Putman, Whitney Mills, Janice Hirth, Francis Skenandore

### AGENDA

Lloyd Powless moved to adopt the agenda, Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried.

### INTERFAITH TASK FORCE - Reverend James Putman

Reverend Putman explained that there is a great deal of concern from both Indian and Non-Indian about the future relations between the two communities. Especially on the Reservation Boundary Suit. There has been discussion on developing an interfaith task force to explore the various avenues for understanding and better relations. The following is a tentative list that the Interfaith Task Force would be looking at:

1. To identify the sources of current antagonisms and/or prejudices on the part of the Oneidas and non-Indians.
2. To understand the implications for the total community of the 1838 Treaty with the Oneidas.
3. To identify the concerns and fears of the non-Indian community and the Indian community.
4. To identify the common concerns of the Indian and non-Indian communities.
5. To explore avenues of communication and understanding between the Tribe and the non-Indian community.
6. To identify the strengths within the Indian and non-Indian communities upon which we can build.
7. To structure vehicles for creating understanding and cooperation between the communities.

INTERFAITH TASK FORCE (Continued)

Reverend Putman wanted to inform the Business Committee on the development and direction of the Interfaith Task Force.

453-ONEIDA NURSING HOME CONCERNS - Whitney Mills

The amount of sick time, especially on weekends is the problem Whitney Mills wanted to discuss with the Business Committee.

Whitney Mills requested that the Business Committee consider making a change in the sick leave policy. The Business Committee discussed the problems and changes that are being considered. The two main points covered were changes in the sick leave policy and changes for enterprises hiring, which includes the nursing home.

Whitney will also submit recommendations to the Business Committee that would help his operation at the Nursing Home. At the present time there is a sub-committee working on the revision of the Policies and Procedures for the Tribe.

351-UPDATE ON THE HOTEL - Janice Hirth

Janice Hirth explained that during January, the General Manager, Food and Beverage Manager, Waitress and Banquet Manager, and the Front Desk Manager have been changed, because the handling of the Hotel has not been up to the satisfaction of the Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation. The Indian employment had dropped to 45% and is now up to 59%. Lodging Systems Management has been put on notice to make necessary improvements. In the mean time, the Hotel Board is looking at other management companies in case things don't work out with Lodging Systems Management. With all the problems in the management area, the Hotel is still getting positive feedback from the majority of the customers.

050-ALL ONEIDA MEETING LETTER

Wa 'te Kwa · Nu he 'la · tu,

The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin cordially invites all the Oneida people from your community to Oneida, Wisconsin to meet, get acquainted and discuss the current status of the pending New York Claim.

Our all Oneida Meeting Planning Committee would like to hold the gathering on June 26th, 27th and 28th, 1987. The Committee is suggesting weekends in consideration of those persons who can only get away from work or other obligations at those times.

Please respond by phone or mail as quickly as possible so that we can pursue all other planning details in a timely manner. We would like to make adequate arrangements so that everything will be as comfortable and convenient as possible for our guests.

ALL ONEIDA LETTER (Continued)

Although the detailed agenda is not finalized at this time, preliminary plans include a dinner, Social Dance, getting acquainted and "settling in" on Friday evening. Saturday, morning would be a briefing on the New York Claims given by attorney, Arlinda Locklear of NARF and other attorneys representing other Oneida communities. The Attorneys will then leave and the rest of the day will be reserved for discussion by the Oneida people to arrive at a common understanding of legal and all other issues relating to the pending New York Claim of the Oneidas.

Sunday a tour of the reservation will be available.

Please inform your attorney(s) of this historic meeting and invite them to attend with you, on Saturday morning, if you feel it is in your best interest to do so.

The Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin will provide dinner on Friday evening and lunch on Saturday and Sunday for everyone.

The options for lodging include, campsites (immediate vicinity of meeting grounds), Oneida homes (especially available for elderly), the Oneida Rodeway Inn or other motels/hotels in the area.

An announcement is being prepared to send to every individual Oneida families we have an address for. In that context then, we would greatly appreciate a mailing list of all the Oneidas in your community so that such an announcement may be mailed directly to them from here. We are open to other suggestions on how to handle this.

Again, please respond at your earliest convenience to either Lois Powless, David "Sonny" King or L. Gordon McLester, at (414) 869-2214.

Kathy Hughes moved to approve, Mark Powless seconded. Motion carried.

301-BINGO LEGISLATION - Francis Skenandore

Francis Skenandore explained that the Supreme Court decision came down in our favor but the Tribes still had to continue trying to get Legislation through on the Regulations of Bingo in Indian Country.

056-NCAI CONFERENCE

Lloyd Powless moved to approve travel for Mark Powless, Purcell Powless and Tony Benson to attend the NCAI Conference on March 10 - 12, 1987 in Washington, D.C. Lois Powless seconded. Motion carried.

050-REQUEST FOR PERSONAL DAY

Lloyd Powless is requesting approval for a personal day on March 9, 1987. Lois Powless moved to approve, Gordon McLester seconded. Lloyd Powless abstained. Motion carried.

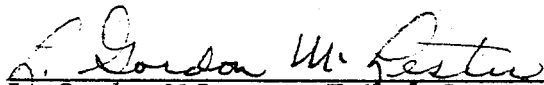
050-REQUEST FOR VACATION

David King is requesting approval for vacation March 4 - 9, 1987. Kathy Hughes moved to approve, Lois Powless seconded. Motion carried.

351-BINGO AUDIT

Kathy Hughes moved to retain Wipfli, Ullrich & Co., to do the audit on the pull tabs at Bingo. Gordon McLester seconded. Motion carried.

3:00 p.m., Kathy Hughes moved to recess, Lois Powless seconded. Motion carried.

  
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L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee