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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

*Approved As
Read - 8-11-87*

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1987

The Chairman called meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman, Purcell Powless; Vice-Chairman, Richard Hill; Treasurer, Kathy Hughes; Council Members: Lloyd E. Powless, Lois Powless, Mark Powless, Tony Benson, Dave King

Absent: Secretary, L. Gordon McLester

AGENDA

Dave King moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of a request for Bingo passes for the Tri-State Housing Meeting. Kathy Hughes Seconded. Motion Carried.

BAYFIELD HEARING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

An informational hearing on job creation and business development on Indian reservations and the bill draft: LRB-4173/1 AN ACT..relating to providing information and liaison services to American Indians regarding economic programs will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 1987 at 2:00 P.M. at Bad River Mills, Highway 2, Odanah, Wisconsin by the Committee on Trade, Industry and Small Business, Mark Lewis, Chairman.

Lois Powless made a motion that Dave King attend this hearing. Tony Benson Seconded. Dave King abstained. Motion Carried.

ELECTION CERTIFICATION was deferred until the Chairman of the Election Board was present.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Lois Powless moved to approve the travel request for Kathy Hughes to attend a Habco Financial Training Session in LaCrosse, Wisconsin on August 11-13, 1987 to be paid for by the Oneida Housing Authority. Tony Benson Seconded. Kathy Hughes Abstained. Motion Carried.

ELECTION CERTIFICATION

Chris Doxtator, Chairman of the Election Board arrived. The results will not be certified at this time because the five day waiting period was not over but there were some questions on the report.

Lois had a question on the total number of ballots handed out. For the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, they totaled 1,107. For the Council Members it was 1,108, Trust Committee, 1,122 and Tribal School Board a total of 1,111. She wanted to know what the reason for the discrepancy as each person voting should have been handed the same number of ballots. There was discussion on why the totals could have been different. The rejected ballots should have been separated from the spoiled ballot totals. The Chairman suggested that any questions should be directed to the Election Board in writing. Any concerns should be in writing to the Election Board to handle before the five day period is up.

ONEIDA HOUSING AUTHORITY - Bernice Elm

Bernice Elm was present to answer any questions on the Housing Report for July. There was a question on whether land was available for the additional 15 units. Dave King stated that the Housing Board had met with the Land Committee and discussed this. Bernice said that they were still working on this.

Rick Hill moved to approve the report. Lois Powless Seconded. Motion Carried.

WISCONSIN RURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NOMINATIONS

The Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program has requested nominations from the Tribe for participants. Lloyd Powless stated that this had gone out to the community and the names he received were Larry Barton, Pat Ninham and Maryann Close. The cost to participate is \$8,000 and the participant has to raise half. Applications are being taken now for July of 1988.

Tony Benson moved to approve Larry Barton and Marriamme Close, they have both been approached and agreed to have their names submitted. Kathy Hughes Seconded. Lois Powless Abstained. Motion Carried.

FRED LAITINEN REQUEST

Fred Laitinen was present in regard to his request for emergency funds for housing in the amount of \$1,000 and also \$300 for an extension of the payback period for a previous loan. His financial aid paperwork has been processed but he has not heard from them yet. Mark stated that he had been also working with Fred and he wanted to mention that one of the things that was identified in the Comprehensive Plan is to identify critical positions for the future and to set up a program for the education, training and assistance for tribal people to fill these critical positions. In his proposal he had outlined two different options. Mark had the law department draft a memorandum of

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agreement stating the obligations of the student and the Tribe's obligations. Mark is in favor of the Tribe paying for all his expenses. Once this has been completed than Fred would be obligated to provide services to the Tribe. Fred had indicated he would not discount such an agreement.

Fred reported on his summer employment and what he has been doing, his grades in school and that he had been accepted to Med School and to be accepted to this school the grades had to be quite high. He maintained a 3.4 grade point average.

Dave King moved to approve the request for an emergency loan for Fred Laitinen in the amount of \$1300 and re-evaluate later. Rick Hill Seconded. Discussion followed. Mark Powless amended the motion to include pursuing a legal agreement between the Tribe and Fred to pay for Fred's entire four years of medical school. Lois Powless seconded the amendment. Under discussion Kathy Hughes stated that because we are at the end of a fiscal year and the budget nearly expended, she would like to see it deferred until we find out what that financial need would be at least for this fiscal year. Lloyd would like to see Fred exhaust all possibilities of financial aid and the Tribe pay for unmet needs instead of pay for entire four years. Rick mentioned also option of funds from Trust Committee.

Chairman stated that this could have been taken care of at an earlier date as his request had been submitted and was not followed up at that time. He feels also that students should be following up on all financial aid before coming to the Tribe.

Vote on the amendment was Mark, Tony & Lois for; Kathy, Dave & Lloyd against, Rick abstained. Chairman stated motion failed. Mark requested a show of hands on the vote. Vote was Mark Powless, Tony Benson and Lois Powless for; Kathy Hughes, Lloyd Powless and Dave King against. Rick Hill abstained. Chairman stated vote tied. Chairman voted against. Motion on Amendment Failed.

Chairman stated for the record that his reason is that he feels that we should use all resources available before we make that kind of a commitment and he does not feel that this is budgeted for at this point.

Dave King stated that his reason for opposing was that he wanted us to wait and find out the last resort where we can find the expenditure for him and if we can't then I think we will have to do that but he will have to come back here anyway.

Vote on the main motion. Motion Carried.

Discussion on the wording of the main motion. Lloyd felt it should be restated to say we should continue to work on the agreement.

Rick made a motion that Lloyd work on it. Tony stated that the reason he went along with it was that the amendment did not commit the Tribe to anything. It was to just pursue the working out of the legal agreement.

FRED LAITINEN REQUEST (Continued)

Lloyd felt that was not his understanding and that it meant the Tribe would pay all costs.

Rick Hill moved that Lloyd follow up with pursuing the legal agreement and that Fred Laitinen proposal be considered again when all other options are exhausted. Kathy Hughes Seconded. Motion Carried.

Further discussion was Mark made motion because he felt the Tribe should make a commitment to these critical areas and pursue an agreement. Chairman does not feel that this is a lack of interest but we are responsible for the budget and assisting people but people should help themselves first. Lois also felt this should be pursued as much as possible to get Fred back to the Reservation. Sharon Cornelius stated that security of financial aide makes a difference in how you do in school. Dave stated we are concerned with these issues but he is more concerned right now with the budget and the time element because we didn't listen the first time. Chairman stated it was not followed up on at the time.

Mark Powless stated for the record that he would like to appraise the Business Committee that he discussed this with Fred also. At the time Fred made the request back in January the Tribe suggested at that time that we did not have the financial commitment there to support the request and that further we recommended that you research other alternatives and myself being the liaison person I was directed to follow up with that and so what I did was I transmitted this information down to Ron Skenandore's office to have Ron follow up and contact Fred. Since Fred's request came to our attention that he never had a response, then what I did was I went back to the records and found the minutes of the Business Committee and I wrote a letter to Ron indicating the response from the Business Committee and the direction that the Business Committee gave and instructed Ron to inform Fred of that action. Subsequent to that I went down to Ron's office and we went through Fred's file and there was no record to that effect. Ron also indicated that he recalled a letter coming down from my office indicating the action of the Business Committee and that's what all that happened. As far as myself being the liaison person what was directed to me by the Business Committee I subsequently directed our education department to follow up on this and that is the status of that.

BINGO REQUEST

Rick Hill moved to approve the request from Lois Powless to be able to get ½ price bingo passes for conference participants attending the Tri-State Association meeting on the 5th and 6th of August. The passes will only be for the 5th. There will be about 10. Tony Benson seconded. Motion Carried.

REQUEST REGARDING INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

Chairman had a request regarding meeting to discuss when the council would be sworn in. Discussion on giving notice to jobs etc. This discussion will take place on Tuesday agenda on August 11, 1987.

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SHARON CORNELIUS APPEALS COMMISSION

Sharon is requesting a date when the Appeals Commission can be on the agenda. The Commission passing on the Resolution and also voting on the members. This will be scheduled for the Agenda on Friday, August 7, 1987.

Dave King moved to recess. Rick Hill Seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting was recessed at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Patricia M. Benson, Recording Secretary