

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 na-
tion the United States, was

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

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

SHARON METZ

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1987

Present: Purcell Powless-Chairman, Richard Hill-Vice Chairman,
Amelia Cornelius-Secretary, Larry Barton, Ernie Stevens, David
King-Council Members

Excused: Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, Lloyd Powless, Loretta Metoxen-Council
Members

Others: Sharon Metz

BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Trained Political Observers - The Oneida Tribe should have 2-3 tribal members attend all town and county board meetings and take notes of meetings. Copies of minutes should be requested. Tribal members should become members of various conservation and environmental groups. The Tribe should make presentations to local labor coalition to have tribal members as apprentices. The Tribe needs to have personal contacts along with positive Public Relations.

Fraternal/Environmental/Church - The Tribe should make contacts with fraternal/environmental/church organizations and arrange meetings with them.

Speakers Bureau - Need to develop a list of tribal speakers with specific subjects/topics and programs and send to area Chamber of Commerce and churches and schools. Charlie Leonard will need to develop a brochure.

Future Christmas Tree Sales - Tribe plan Christmas trees now and in a few years develop a program for selling them to the public - provide hot chocolate and sleigh rides.

Legislation Service Package - A bulletin of proceedings that include a copy of bills, hearing schedules and amendments. It is updated monthly. Sharon Metz would be available to train staff in using the service.

Tribal Newspaper - Should look at different format and at newsprint - Tribal area managers should submit monthly articles to paper to keep tribal members informed on a regular basis rather than just the semi-annual reports. The more informed and educated the people are, the more impact the Tribe can have

New Documentaries/Oneida History - The Tribe needs to develop its own history do its own videos on current historical events.

License Plates for Oneida - A source of pride and making money - plates cost \$2 to produce and resell at \$35. It would also be a way of asserting tribal jurisdiction.

Birth Certificate/Licenses - Develop a user fee - funds would be used to fund specific programs - could do marriage, death, birth, hunting, fishing, etc. license. The Tribe should exercise their right under federal law and make the State of Wisconsin recognize them.

Visa Cards/Check Sales - Tribe negotiate with financial institution to issue Oneida Visa Card and receive a percentage of sales. Checks could be printed by Tribe.

Banking/Savings & Loans/Credit Union - Tribe contract service 3-5 years with Tribal members being trained. Require annual audit; investigate tribal members who will operate service.

Economic Development - Tribe assist individual members to start own business.

Furniture Refinishing/Picture Framing/Beauty Shop - Contact State Small Business Program for minorities. The Tribe could franchise some portions of tribal enterprises. Gift Shop, Restaurant, One Stop and maintain major enterprises - tobacco and Bingo.

1. Tribe needs to develop a policy to encourage tribal members to develop their own business. Tribe can develop business and bid out to tribal members.
2. Tribe can establish controls -
 - a. Lease of tribal lands/building/equipment
 - b. Outside annual audits
3. Tribe can hire a person to assist in paper work and do feasibility studies.

The Tribe should develop a vendor license to do business with Tribe. This would also include consultants.

Trees - The Tribe should plant Black Walnut Trees - low investment - high returns - protect future generations. Plant sugar maple trees for maple syrup and pine trees for Christmas sales.

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Area Social Studies/History Teachers - Tribe should do a special Saturday Seminar starting with a breakfast for them. Maybe even offer to teach a 1 week unit on Oneida studies.

Oneida Lake - The Tribe might want to look at building a large lake - similar to the Seymour Lake for recreation purposes.

Lobbyist Training with Sharon Metz - It will be in the first 2 weeks of January on a Saturday or 2 evenings from 6-10. Rick Hill will work out a time with Sharon Metz.


Amelia Cornelius, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee