

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 12 / 23 / 15

2. General Information:

Session: ☒ Open ☐ Executive - See instructions for the applicable laws, then choose one:

Agenda Header:

☐ Accept as Information only

☒ Action - please describe:

Accept the 4th Quarter Report of the Quality of Life Committee

3. Supporting Materials

☒ Report ☐ Resolution ☐ Contract

☐ Other:

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☐ Business Committee signature required

4. Budget Information

☐ Budgeted - Tribal Contribution

☐ Budgeted - Grant Funded

☐ Unbudgeted

5. Submission

Authorized Sponsor / Liaison:

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Quality of Life Committee

4th Quarter Report (July, August, and September, 2015)

PURPOSE:

The Quality of Life Committee is a standing committee of the Oneida Business Committee that will have oversight responsibility of the following areas of the Tribe: Language and Culture, Health, Human Services and Public Safety. This oversight responsibility also extends to any board, committee, or commission related to these specific areas.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Fawn Billie, Quality of Life Committee Chair
Councilman Tehassi Hill, Quality of Life Committee Vice Chair
Treasurer Trish King, Quality of Life Committee Member
Secretary Lisa Summers, Quality of Life Committee Member
Councilman Brandon Stevens, Quality of Life Committee Member

In addition to OBC members, the Wellness Council, Division Directors, other senior leaders, and their staff are directed to attend the Quality of Life Committee meetings dependent upon relevant agenda topics.

MEETINGS:

Quality of Life Committee meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. In the 4th quarter of FY2015 meetings were scheduled on July 9, August 13, and September 10, 2015.

ACTIVITIES SUMMARY:

As previously noted the Quality of Life Committee struggled to get up and running consistently during the early part of 2015. The July and September meetings were canceled due to a lack of quorum. Meeting minutes for the August meeting are included at the end of this report.

During the 4th quarter, the Quality of Life Committee supported efforts by the Internal Services Division's, OCIFS's, and the Tribal School's work on the Farm to School Program. In addition, the Quality of Life Committee focused on Community Gardens, coordination with the Wellness Council, and the Oneida Agricultural Summit.

Upcoming: The FY2016 first quarter report will focus on the new direction taken by the Quality of Life Committee. The Committee has taken feedback by community members, the Oneida Business Committee, the Wellness Council, and others to prioritize and focus on a few key initiatives. Focus is being put on the growing drug abuse problems in the Oneida Community, particularly illegal and prescription drug abuse. Additionally, the Committee is supporting an effort to seek Tribal Compact dollars at the state level to be used for a youth treatment facility.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Requested action is for the Oneida Business Committee to accept the 4th Quarter report.

Committee
Chair-Fawn Billie
Vice Chair-Tehassi Hill
Members-Trish King, Lisa Summers, Brandon Stevens

Quality of Life Meeting
8a Thursday August 13th, 2015
BC Conference Room



Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:05am

Present: Don White, Joanie Buckley, Bill Vervoort, Dawn Walchinski, Pat Pelky, Tina Ama, Artley Skenadore, Lisa Summers, Fawn Billie, Trish King, Brian Doxtator, Sheri Mousseau, Brandon Stevens, Ted Skenadore, Diane Mc Lester Heim

1. Approve Agenda

Approve with Ag Summit 9/30 update to new business

2. Meeting Minutes

a. June 11, 2015 Quality of Life meeting minutes

Motion by Trish King to approve June 11, 2015 Quality of Life meeting minutes, seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business

a. Farm to School program- Joanie Buckley

Joanie Buckley gave a verbal update on the Farm to School program explaining that the program aligns with the Community Development Planning Committee strategy of engaging the community in a healthy mind set. Youth Entrepreneur in agriculture program it doing a Pay It Forward project where Oneida youth are teach Lac Courte Oreilles youth how to make and sell trail mix like Oneida did. The next group of youth to participate in the trail mix project is going to be at the High school throughout the school year to include the entrepreneur portion of the project. Art Skenadore stated that high school is currently working with NWTC, CMN, and UWGB. Art Skenadore has a goal that the Oneida high school would like to be producing 80% of food supply to school in five years. The elementary school does currently have a small garden. They are hoping to enhance the cafeteria with new graphics and information visuals. Lisa Summers brings up the price point of organic and less processed foods and accessibility to them. Tina Ama believes the problem is more than access its changing the behaviors of the community. Brian Doxtator wondered how this initiative is connected to the Quality of life survey. Melissa Nuthals will be conducting the Quality of life Survey. Invite Melissa Nuthals, Troy Parr and Eric Krawczyk (who does community health needs assessment) to next Quality of Life meeting. Brandon Stevens would like to see home economics class in school. Lots of kids are latch key kids and they could use information and simple cooking techniques and nutritional values. Artley Skenadore has a suggestion of adding food based information on the update Oneida email communication piece. Invite Phil Wisneski to next Quality of Life meeting. Joanie Buckley will consolidate the farm to school information into one document and share. Tina Ama would like the Quality of Life to identify three clear goals that align with the four strategic directions along with time period to refocus efforts of employees who work in some aspect of Quality of Life. Lisa Summers suggests we as a Quality of Life have a work meeting to discuss what are objectives are.

Committee

Chair-Fawn Billie

Vice Chair-Tehassi Hill

Members-Trish King, Lisa Summers, Brandon Stevens

Motion by Trish King to accept update and to support development of Farm to school program and bring back implementation plan at the September Quality of Life meeting, seconded by Lisa Summers. Motion carried unanimously.

i. Live 54218

Bill Vervoort reported that OCIFS has been sharing food and agriculture based films to the high school. The students seemed to enjoy the agriculture based learning more than other schools throughout the state. Joanie Buckley explains how the 54218 program has the possibility to explore local Food and traditional food procurement, education for youth and experiential learning. Don White wonders how this relates to community not just school. We talked about health (mind & body) problems in Oneida and defining our own healthy goals based on our community.

b. Community Gardens- Joanie Buckley

Jeff Metoxen was scheduled to present although he had a family emergency and was excused. Ted Skenadore attended in his place. Ted Skenadore talked about new practices this year. One change is that no chemicals or pesticides used in the community gardens. The second change was in the garden tilling services for members who live within the reservation only. Lisa Summers had questions if soil conditions and fertilization practices are included in the seed program. Information was offered at the seed pick up event. Environmental offers composting classes taught by Amy Spears. Seeds distribution was also a topic and how we can provide our own seeds to share instead of buying the seeds in bulk. Joanie will keep working on ideas and bring back update at next meeting.

Motion by Trish King to accept update, seconded by Lisa Summers. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Wellness Council update-Tina Ama

i. Well Being Index update

ii. Reporting template for logic model

Motion by Lisa Summer to defer both Wellness Council items; Well Being Index and Reporting Template for logic model, to a Quality of Life work meeting and prior to September Quality of Life meeting for an update. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Food Tax-Fawn Billie/Marlon Skenadore

This item was tabled and moved to the September Quality of Life meeting and invite Michelle Doxtator.

4. Additions

a. Oneida Agricultural Summit

Brian Doxtator explained the Oneida Agricultural Summit, tentatively scheduled for September 30, 2015 at the Radisson, is to showcase all agricultural components of the organization. Planning will be taking information to develop visuals and pictures from the summit to inform the community. Lisa Summers expressed concern that the word Summit may confuse community members with the Food Sovereignty Summit in October 2015. Brian Doxtator will bring up name concerns at the next planning meeting for the event. The planning meeting for the Oneida Agricultural Summit meeting is a Monday August 17, 2015 at 8:30am.

Motion by Lisa Summers to accept update, seconded Trish king. Motion carried.

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:25am