



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Monday, September 13, 2010

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Coates called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Cowan Watts gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; Chuck Hoskin; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Jodie Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; Meredith Frailey and Tina Glory Jordan

Absent 2 - Bradley Cobb and Janelle Fullbright

Late Arrival 1 - S. Joe Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve the August 16, 2010 regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services/Voc. Ed - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley offered to answer questions from her written report. She gave appreciation to her Green Team students at Job Corp who collected the recyclable bottles and cans during the holiday and will continue to do so. Councilor Buzzard suggested looking into a program where the Day Work participants maintain and work a garden. Ms. Kelley announced all of the workers sent to the Gulf through CRC are on their way home as their contract was terminated. Councilor Buzzard further suggested the Day Work participants be given some security training where they could do some simple patrol through the housing additions. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if the TERO fees were being used for some of these trainings. Ms. Kelley commented the Gulf project was funded through our TERO revenue.

Councilor Fishinghawk inquired when funds would be available for the vocational programs. Ms. Kelley commented they are accepting documents and applications at this time but can't begin placements until October 1st when the new fiscal year begins.

2. Executive Director's Report - Melanie Knight

Ms. Knight announced they received an RMLS grant in the amount of \$157,000 which is designed to create a virtual library for Cherokee materials. She also reported on a press release for the Apple I-phone and I-pod to include an application for the Cherokee Syllabary. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired who to contact in regard to recruiting Cherokees to Kansas University to take part in the \$7ml set aside for education within the medical field. Ms. Knight commented they would be happy to refer students and suggested Ms. Diane Kelley be given all of the information. She commented she would be happy to meet with KU to determine a recruitment strategy.

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

4. Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis announced the major projects now being worked on are the Ross School, the Cherokee National Prison, the Capitol building and a remodel of the Cherokee Nation Gift Shop, lobby area and Restaurant of the Cherokees. She commented they are averaging 500 to 600 visits per month at the Kansas Welcome Center. They are gearing up for their 5th Annual Art Market in October at the Hard Rock Resort and the 2nd Annual History After Dark in partnership with the Cherokee Heritage Center. They will have a fall festival tour which will take a tour group to Cherokee, North Carolina for their Fall Festival. It is a six day tour for \$668 which includes admission fees, hotels, and breakfasts. The Osiyo campaign continues to do well and the brochure continues to be the most requested in the state according to the Oklahoma State Department of Tourism. They have been nominated for a Clarion Award given by the Association for Women in Communications. They have also been nominated for numerous Redbud Awards. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a trademark on Osiyo. Ms. Jarvis commented they are working on the trademark now for the look and how it is used but can't trademark the actual word.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAREER SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DHHS ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR A HEALTH PROFESSION OPPORTUNITY GRANT TO SERVE TANF RECIPIENTS AND OTHER LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS

Councilor Glory-Jordan requested to be added as a sponsor.

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Soap seconded the motion. Motion carried at 3:50 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley
Jennifer Pigeon*

*Pat Ragsdale
Melanie Knight*

Paula Ragsdale

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Molly Jarvis
Ollie Starr*

Steve Rush

Travis Owens