



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Monday, June 14, 2010

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Coates called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Meredith Frailey; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

Absent 1 - Chris Soap

Late Arrival 6 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin; Curtis Snell; Harley Buzzard and Jodie Fishinghawk

Councilor Crittenden moved to amend the agenda to include a Resolution for a Promise Neighborhood Grant. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the May 10, 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 announced they just completed another Hazwoper training for recruits to go to the gulf. Forty-two were certified in the 40 hour training last week along with forty-nine certified in the 10 hour class for Ocean-Ten training. She commented there

is a possibility some of these certified may go to New York. Graduation at the Job Corp is scheduled for the 6th of August. Ms. Kelley reported they will not be receiving incentive monies for the Job Corp due to the ARRA funds already received. The Day Work training program restarted today. The Day Workers must meet three criteria and will now be subject to random drug testing. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a letter be sent to determine if TERO can be reimbursed for the classes provided to enable them to schedule an additional training session. Ms. Kelley commented she didn't have a problem requesting reimbursement. The trainings are open to all tribal members. Ms. Kelley announced they are now in the Jay office.

2. Executive Director's Report - Melanie Knight

Ms. Knight announced they have a record number of students enrolled in the Summer Learning Program at Sequoyah. The JOM Summer Institutes have begun. The Cherokee Law Institute is June 14th through the 18th in Tahlequah where the students will do a mock trial. She invited everyone to attend the mock trial. The deadline for the Higher Education scholarship was last Friday. On Friday alone they had over 300 applicants in the office with a total of 858 applicants over the week. They have 1230 completed applications in the system and have boxes and boxes of mail to go through. Ms. Knight announced the final numbers of completed applications will be made available as soon as it is known. They will have some slots available through a package which includes the Higher Education Scholarship and dorm housing assistance. The applications for this package will be taken from July 1st through the 14th. The package is for the dorms at NSU. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the status of the grave markers for the former Chief's and the historical markers at the cemetery entrances. The grave markers are ready to be placed. Councilor Crittenden requested input with a situation where a student didn't submit their application because it called for the parents tax returns and they had requested an extension on their taxes. Ms. Knight commented there are many other scholarships that require the FASFA information which includes tax return information. Councilor Fullbright commented last year the deadline was extended to the 31st of July. She stated there are a number of schools that do not have their transcripts complete which is part of the scholarship application. Ms. Knight requested feedback of schools that don't have transcripts available that this would be out of the students' control. She stated a team has been formed to determine if a minimum grade point should be set, if there should be income guidelines or consideration of other resources. She stated they are going to have to prioritize due to the size of the program.

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

No one was present to report.

4. Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis announced they have begun an artwork consignment program for their retail operations. The consignment program should provide flexibility with the number of artists as well as being able to refresh their inventory on a more regular basis. The Ned Christie Trial and Exhibit is set to take place on the Capitol Square on June 25th and 26th. The Cultural Tourism brochure remains the number one requested in the State for tourism. They have sold approximately 61 group tours this season which equates to about \$61,000 in revenue. The Oklahoma Preservation Conference awarded them two citations of merit for their work with the Cherokee National Supreme Court and Ross Cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT
Councilor Crittenden moved to approve, forward to full Council tonight and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion and also requested to be included as a co-sponsor. Councilor Buzzard requested the program be considered by community instead of county. Councilor Fullbright requested to be included as a co-sponsor. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Coates announced the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:05 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Paula Ragsdale
Diane Kelley*

*Melanie Knight
Angela Drewes*

Jennifer Pigeon

VISITORS PRESENT:

Molly Jarvis

Steve Rush

Travis Owens