



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Draft EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Monday, April 13, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 3 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright and Cara Cowan Watts

Late Arrival 1 - Jack D. Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the March 16th regular session minutes.

Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the staffing changes within her department. She reminded everyone April is Disability Awareness Month. They are looking to have a new office location for Talking Leaves. The union welding class will end soon in Tahlequah and will begin new classes in Tulsa. They will be hosting approximately one-hundred firefighters beginning the week of April 26th. She provided an update on the culinary classes in Sallisaw. A job fair will be held in West Siloam Springs on April 27th. They are currently taking applications for summer youth at this time. Councilor Taylor requested an update on the re-entry grant. Councilor Thornton requested information about the truck driving school.

Executive Director's Report - Bruce Davis

Mr. Davis introduced the new JOM Director, Mark Vance. Dr. Sly announced the 2015 Remember the Removal Bike Ride participants will be introduced this evening at the Council meeting. Mr. Davis provided an update on the scholarships and commented more funding will be needed.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls gave the highlights from the report provided. He announced the boys baseball team won the Mickey Mantle Classic over the weekend. The immersion school kindergarten graduation will be held May 19th in the morning with the 6th grade graduation at 6:00 p.m., The SHS graduation will be held on the 22nd.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

Ms. Randal gave an overview of the report provided. She announced the CCPI will be held in Edmond this year. They have made an agreement with NSU to do the ACT prep. She provided an update on the scholarships available along with deadlines and award dates. Councilor Coates requested clarification on which scholarships are available to those At Large. She inquired about a FOIA currently pending. Councilor Coates requested clarification on the requirements for the CNB scholarships and the differences listed on the website for the Foundation. She provided reasoning as to why she hadn't contributed funding to the At Large scholarships this year. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired how many CNB scholarships would be funded this year. Ms. Randall gave an update on the Gammon Scholarship.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:25 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley
Mark Vance*

*Tom Elkins
Dr. Gloria Sly*

*Jennifer Pigeon
Bruce Davis*

Verna Thompson
Stephanie Isaacs

George Roach
Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Brad Perry
Leroy Qualls

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddye Snell

Janice Randall

Natalie Fullbright