



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

David Walkingstick, Chair

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Monday, August 10, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 3 - Julia Coates; David Thornton, Sr. and Joe Byrd

Late Arrival 2 - Tina Glory Jordan and Cara Cowan Watts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the July 29th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley reported the Talking Leaves Job Corp graduation will be held August 21st at 10:00 a.m. in their gym, the Adult Education graduation will be on September 24th in the ballroom and the TERO Vendor Fair and Banquet will be held on November 19th at the Hard Rock. Chair Walkingstick requested an update on the recently held Macy's event. She announced a job fair for Macy's will be held August 25th at Hard Rock as they are looking to fill 3,000 seasonal positions. Some of those seasonal positions will turn into full time positions. Freddy's Famous Burgers and Casey's General Store have both requested they host job fairs for them. Mid America has requested they assist with a job fair during manufacturing week in September. Chair Walkingstick requested an update on the Day Work Program and their current schedule.

Executive Director's Report - Bruce Davis

Mr. Davis gave an update on the scholarships to date. The fall application review, notification of award, denial and funding to the schools will begin August 1st. The deadline for the concurrent enrollment scholarships is the 9th of September. The summer camps are complete, an overview of the turnout was given and announced they are already contracting for camp dates next year. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the scholarship numbers. Councilor Lay inquired if they would be requesting funding for those on the scholarship waiting list. He requested more public relations regarding the summer camps in the northern areas. Councilor Thornton inquired about the number of dropouts last semester.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson announced today is the first day of school. It is the 37th year for Head Start and the 19th year for Early Head Start. She announced there are ten vacancies within their Early Head Start program working with infants and toddlers. They hosted the Office of Head Start Director this last week. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired as to the total number of children this year. She commented the Act giving 12.5% over and above the federal funds to the Head Start Program is possibly the best decision over the past eight years.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Davis offered to take any questions back to Mr. Qualls.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

Ms. Randall handed out the CNF report and offered to answer questions. She reported they are sending out \$54,000 in scholarships this week. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the TU Scholarship.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Keener moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:46 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley
Jennifer Pigeon*

Verna Thompson

Bruce Davis

VISITORS PRESENT:

Cheryl Brown

Janice Randall