



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, January 17, 2018

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ;
Victoria Vazquez; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh;
Mary Baker Shaw and E. O. "JR." Smith

Late Arrival 5 - Shawn Crittenden; Dick Lay; Frankie Hargis ; Joe Byrd and Mike Dobbins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker Shaw made a motion to approve the November 14, 2017 regular session minutes. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

No one was present to report.

Cherokee Nation Language Program - Roy Boney / John Ross

Mr. Boney gave highlights from his attendance at the Inter Tribal Council meetings held last week. Their Annual Language Summit will be held at NSU on April 18th and 19th. He reported on Durbin Feeling's book "Cherokee Narratives a Linguistics Study" released earlier this month. Mr. Feeling is currently working on a Cherokee verb book. Mr. Lawrence Panther will be the voice of this years "Let's Talk Cherokee" segment on O-si-yo TV. He gave highlights from the last Speaker's Bureau meeting. They are currently working on the community class schedule for 2018. Mr. Ed Fields will begin

his adult immersion classes at various locations throughout the jurisdiction soon. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the Cherokee teacher training scholarship and the certification of Cherokee teaching at the state level. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the scholarship. Councilor Buzzard inquired if a fluent Cherokee has taken the teacher certification test. Councilor Byrd inquired if there is a partnership with NSU in regard to the scholarship. Chair Vazquez inquired about the activities regarding the symposium.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

Mr. Daugherty announced the Cherokee Master Language Apprenticeship program has moved their offices to the second floor of the Cort Mall. He stated the new language classes have started. The in-district and At Large cultural and history presentations locations and dates will be included in the Anadiso magazine.

Historical Society - Charles Gourd

Dr. Gourd reported they have developed a very comprehensive and though strategic plan of goals and objectives. Once the plan goes through their board of directors they will share it with the Council. He has met with representatives from the USDA and the Forest Resources where they are currently looking at the entire forty-four acres to develop a full site plan. They will be redoing the Trail of Tears exhibit. Dr. Gourd talked about the pillars from the Female Seminary. They are removing the carpet from the museum and replacing with carpet. The Marshal Service and presented the Heritage Center with a full emergency plan. The employees of the Heritage Center went of the Cultural Tourism tours to learn about what is offered. The CCO Group provided training to them in regard to public speaking and customer service. They will be getting a new server with the assistance of the CCO Group. The Geneology department will host a workshop with the Chickasaws and how to use the Dawes rolls. Co-Chair Byrd requested information regarding the budget for the workshop. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the future of the amphitheater. Councilor Hatfield inquired about promotion/advertising on I-40 and the Turner Turnpike. Co-Chair Byrd commented approximately three years ago he requested architects to provide a proposal of renovating or building a new amphitheater. Dr. Gourd reported next year will be the 50th anniversary of the Heritage Center and it will then be eligible for placement on the National Register of Historic Places. Chair Vazquez commended them for the future renovation of the Trail of Tears exhibit and requested that a portion of the clay beads exhibit be kept to honor those who participated in their making. Dr. Gourd reported they are considering beginning an alumni association for the Heritage Center.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 9:45 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Roy Boney
John Paden*

*Tammy Dry
Canaan Duncan*

*Rob Daugherty
Marcus Fears*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Charles Gourd
Pam Sellers*

*Teddy Snell
Carolyn Allen*

*Cheryl Parrish
Luke Barteaux*