



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Draft CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Thursday, March 28, 2019

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hatfield gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith and Canaan Duncan

Absent 2 - Victoria Vazquez and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the January 31st regular session minutes.
Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis gave a detailed overview of the report provided. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the number of museums they oversee, the hours at each and the cash registers used. Chair Byrd inquired if we have an agreement with the Murrell Home.

Cherokee Nation Language Program - Roy Boney / John Ross

Mr. Boney announced most of the Language Department is in Cherokee, NC at the Language Consortium. For the first time they are live streaming over the web the consortium meeting. The 3rd Annual Ignite Conference is June 17-20 in Tahlequah. Wade Blevins was named to the World Languages Other Than English Advisory Group of the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The Cherokee online class registration opened this week with classes beginning April 8th. Councilor Shaw

inquired about the number who have enrolled for the online class. Chair Byrd requested an update on the Cherokee speakers, the medallion and the registration book. Councilor Shaw inquired about those interested in the online course who missed the registration deadline. Councilor Hatfield inquired about the language book for the online courses. Councilor Shaw inquired if the online classes get the textbook. Mr. Boney announced there is a proposal on the table from the University of Arkansas Press that want to publish the language course book as an actual textbook.

Historical Society - Charles Gourd

Dr. Gourd reported they are in the beginning of their busy season. He introduced Brenda Partain, the newest member of their board, and Cheryl Parrish in finance. Today and tomorrow there will be numerous different schools attending the Heritage Center. They met with the Cherokee Nation Health Department to do healthy food, lifestyle and games in cooperation with the CDC grant they received. They will be planting two gardens at the Heritage Center. They will be upgrading and reopening the blacksmith shop. They are working to expand their partnership with CCO to expand their membership. They have re-opened and expanded the Tour Tahlequah with the Chamber of Commerce and their Tourism Council. The Five Tribes Ancestry Conference will be held at our Echota Conference center in September. Their annual fundraising gala will be moved to the Echota Conference center in early November. They have begun a trivia night as a new activity. The Will Rogers exhibit will come down on Monday and will become part of a permanent exhibit at the Will Rogers Museum and Birthplace. Next Friday is the opening of the Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale. The Youth Art Show will be in the Chapel. The upcoming summer exhibits include "The Earth Shakers, The Influence of Cherokee Women" and for the fall will be "American Indians in Major League Baseball the first Fifty Years." Chair Byrd inquired who the coordinator for volunteers is at the Heritage Center.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

Mr. Stretch offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden gave appreciation for assisting in wood delivery to an elder.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Duncan moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:42 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Roy Boney</i>
<i>Howard Paden</i>	<i>Ryan Mackey</i>	<i>Kevin Stretch</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Molly Jarvis</i>	<i>Cheryl Trask</i>	<i>Travis Owens</i>
<i>Cheryl Parrish</i>	<i>Charles Gourd</i>	<i>Candice Byrd</i>
<i>Brenda Partain</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	