



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Thursday, May 30, 2019

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Duncan gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith and Canaan Duncan

Absent 2 - Buel Anglen and Mike Shambaugh

Late Arrival 1 - Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the March 28th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis gave an update from the report provided. Councilor Taylor inquired if the Saline Courthouse renovations are on schedule to be complete in July. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the caretaker for the Saline Courthouse.

Cherokee Nation Language Program - Roy Boney / John Ross

Ms. Sixkiller gave an update from the last Language Consortium meeting held in March in Cherokee, NC. Mr. Boney announced the 3rd Annual Ignite Conference is still open for registration. It will be held June 17-20 at the Heritage Elementary School in Tahlequah. The Inter-Tribal Language Committee is hosting a staff development training for all tribes language programs on July 17th and 18th at the Chickasaw Nation

Community Center in Ada. He provided an update on the State teachers certification for the Cherokee language program. Chair Vazquez Congratulated Mr. Boney on being part of the United Nations Global Voices Program. She requested an overview of what the program does. Councilor Hatfield requested twenty language books for the Florida At Large community. Councilor Taylor inquired about the language curriculum for the Head Start. She also inquired about the NLCC Language Committee referred to in the CCO report.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

Ms. Dawnea Squirrel reported for Mr. Stretch who is on the Remember the Removal Bike ride. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Mr. Howard Paden gave an update on the gathering of the Cherokee Speakers. The first meeting was held in Belfonte and Greasy is scheduled for the 7th of June. They will be traveling to location of Cherokee history to digitize. Mr. Ryan Mackey gave an update on the language program participants. He gave the objectives of the NLCC. Councilor Buzzard inquired how many sign up to participate in the language program each year. Councilor Byrd inquired about a placement plan within the tribe once a participant graduates from the language program. Councilor Crittenden suggested speakers in the clinics.

Historical Society - Charles Gourd

Mr. Gourd reported this is the start of their busy season. They assisted in the removal of items out of the U.S. Batfish Museum during the flooding. Their archivist went with the master apprentice program to train and digitize all of the records at the Newberry Library in Chicago and then in Washington at the Smithsonian. He provided an update on the outreach program. The number of visitors from foreign countries now exceeds the number of visitors within the country. He reported on the current exhibits and the upcoming exhibits. They have already scheduled a record number of vendors for the National holiday weekend. He reported on the CNB film projects. On June 10th they will meet with the Gilcrease Museum to form a partnership in regard to displays and exhibits. Dr. Kent Smith from OSU Medical School stayed overnight in the village. Chair Vazquez requested to be part of the meeting with the Gilcrease Museum on the partnership. Councilor Byrd requested a list of the current board members and schedule of their meetings by email.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Warner moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:47 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Ryan Mackey</i>
<i>Dawnea Squirrel</i>	<i>Howard Paden</i>	<i>Anna Sixkiller</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Roy Boney</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Molly Jarvis</i>	<i>Cheryl Trask</i>	<i>Cheryl Parrish</i>
<i>Charles Gourd</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>