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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Elders Meeting
Aki Center

August 3rd, 2017

1. Call to Order/Prayer
2. Lunch
3. Roll Call/Stipend
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
 - A. June Minutes
 - B. No minutes for June
6. New Business
7. Open Session
 - Omega Larry Romanelli
 - a. Question and Answer
8. Next Meeting Date: September 2, 2017
9. Adjournment:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



Elders Monthly Meeting Minutes
Pow-Wow Grounds
Summer Picnic

August 3rd, 2017

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elders Group meeting was held at Pow-Wow Grounds. Following are the minutes from that meeting. Meeting started at 12:00 pm on August 3rd, 2017. Elder Al Metzger said prayer. Chairperson Mary Thomas did roll call:

1. **Roll Call and Stipend:**

Mary Thomas-yes	Marcella Leusby-yes	Terri Tyler-yes
Darlene Martin-yes	Al Metzger-yes	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0-

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Elder Darlene Martin approved agenda, Elder Terri Tyler seconded. All yes

Mary Thomas-yes	Darlene Martin-yes	Terri Tyler-yes
Marcella Leusby-yes	Al Metzger-yes	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Elder Terri Tyler approved, with corrections to her name. Elder Marcella Leusby seconded. All yes

Mary Thomas-yes	Marcella Leusby-yes	Terri Tyler-yes
Darlene Martin-yes	Al Metzger-yes	

Quorum: 5-0-0-0

4. **New Business:** Larry and Ron talked about their trip to Washington DC. The white house's new administrative team was very cordial and the meeting was very productive. The administrative team were very supportive of the Native Community and said they would be more than willing to help out any way they could.

The work on the Casino in Muskegon is still on-going. We need letters of support for the Fruitport Project and Casino Project from the tribal community. Larry encouraged tribal members to write letters in support. If the tribal people want they can send their letters to Mary Thomas and she will be sending them out. Ogema's office also has copies of letters for tribal members to sign if they don't want to write a letter.

Handicap hand rail is up at the Aki center.

Old Business: Some elders were upset because they didn't get a food voucher at the July Pow-Wow. Terri had 100 vouchers and she handed them to the elders and spouses so she was out by noon. It was mentioned that the Muskegon Museum of Art had a good exhibit of the North American Indians by photographer artist Edward S. Curtis. The Ogema's office was handing out free tickets for the showing.

5. **Open Session:** it was suggested that more bleachers be put up at the Pow-wow grounds and some benches put around the grounds. Also a sign "Elders Only" needs to be put up at the Elders bleachers.

Elders would like to see some trips for them to take. The cost of renting a bus is expensive, we looked into this before. Talked about purchasing a new bus for the elders but found that it too was too expensive. Can rent or lease a bus for trips, need to look into the cost of this.

Al Metzger talked about hiring an Elders Co-coordinator. It was stated there wasn't a need for a full time employee for that position, that the committee could handle the program for the elders.

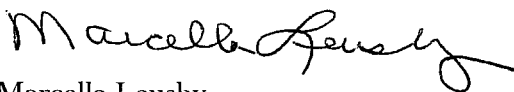
A big thank you was made to Darlene Snyder for putting on the meals for the tribal members who have passed. It is a big undertaking contacting people for food, setting up for the dinners, and making sure everything is taken care up so the families don't have to worry about the meal. Trish asked for a locked cabinet at Aki Center to put the paper products and silverware and what nots for the dinners. People have been taking things that were meant for the funeral meals. A locked cabinet is needed.

It was mentioned if a grant could be found to build a fire building out at Aki. It was thought that a fire building would be better at Aki because of the Aki Center being right there. Al Metzger said it was up to the deceased person's family to look after the fire and take care of the fire keepers.

We had a drawing and the meeting was closed.

6. **Adjournment:** Secretary Marcella Leusby moved to adjourn meeting at 3:00 pm. Elder Al Metzger seconded. All yes. Meeting adjourned.
7. **Next Meeting:** September 9th, 2017

Elders Committee Secretary,



Marcella Leusby