

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**



**Elders Monthly Meeting**

**December 3, 2022**

**Christmas Party**

**Roll Call:** Jessica made a motion to call meeting together at 3:15 pm.

Jessica Steinberg-here	Chuck Fisher-here	Sandy Mezeske-here
Tammy Burmeister-here	Marcella Leusby-absent	

Quorum:4-1-0-0

**Approval of Agenda:** Chuck made motion to accept agenda, Sandy seconded.

Jessica Steinberg-yes	Chuck Fisher-yes	Sandy Mezeske-yes
Tammy Burmeister-yes	Marcella Leusby-absent	

Quorum: 4-1-0-0

**Approval of Minutes:** Chuck made motion to accept November 6, 2022 minutes, Sandy seconded,

Jessica Steinberg-yes	Chuck Fisher-yes	Sandy Mezeske-yes
Tammy Burmeister-yes	Marcella Leusby-absent	

Quorum: 4-1-0-0

4. **New Business:** It was decided that the 2023 Elders Conference and Christmas Party will take place at the Casino and as close to the same dates picked.

Plans have been made to have some Elders meetings in Muskegon and Wisconsin, if budget permits. There will also be some monthly zoom in meetings. Jessica went through the 2023 Elders Calendar and asked for the elders ideas on any items they would like to see for 2023.

Gary stated that the Elders draft budget has not been passed out yet and it should be in this week's agenda.

Jessica talked about a couple of Elders summer trips for 2023 but it will depend on the budget. The elders committee will get a schedule and cost together for next month's meeting. The trips would probably be day trips. Committee asked for input from the elders on where they would like to go.

One idea was to go to the Mt. Pleasant Boarding school Museum.

Another idea was a Bingo trip to one of the Casinos but to make sure that the casino is in support of LRBOI.

An Elder bought up the idea of maybe doing a lotto and picking a couple of elders go to the MIEA meeting with the representatives.

Council has agreed to hold the MIEA Conference this year at the casino.

Elders Committee will have to work out the details on which meeting we can do.

Gary wanted to let the Elders know that deer season will be over January 8<sup>th</sup>.

News for the Currants have to be in to Sky by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

5. **Old Business:** MIEA representatives are Chuck Fisher and Allen Hardenburgh. In February there will be a vote on 3 new Representatives to represent LRBOI at the MIEA meetings.
  
6. **Public Comment:** An elder wanted to know what the Committee was doing for the community. They would like to see more involvement and volunteering with the next generation. They would like the Elders figure out a schedule to work in areas that would benefit our tribe and the next generation. More will be talked about and starting of a schedule at our next meeting. Art Debre wanted to know what Council is doing to help the Elders to be able to start these things for our tribe. Funding is needed to get these things started. One Elder wanted to know why our clinic doesn't bill our insurance. Clinic doesn't bill Medicare. Providers need to sign up and has to have credential insurance in order for the tribe to bill them. The Pharmacy does bill the insurance companies and we get that money back. Question was asked on who is responsible for letting members on the Commissions and Committees. The ordinance states the Tribal Council has control of choosing members for these positions. Ogema gave his report, he met with other local tribes to talk over what's been going on with Line 5. He attended a White House Summit with other nations this is the 5<sup>th</sup> one he has attended. It was very informative to hear from other nations on what is going on with them. He will be attending a State Summit in Lansing. 12 tribes will be meeting with the Governor, with the tribe Larry stated the EDC housing needs to be looked at, the Next Generation needs an update. Our health services need updating so it works better with insurance's and up to date with other tribes.
  
7. **Adjournment:** Sandy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chucked seconded, all ok'd. Marcella left meeting due to illness.

Sandy-yes	Chuck-yes	Marcella-absent
Jessica-yes	Tammy-yes	

Quorum: 4-1-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully,



Acting Secretary