**Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe Southampton VA**

**Tribal Meeting Saturday March 11, 2017**

**Ruth Campbell Library 12 Noon**

**Attendees:**

Vashti Clarke, Teresa Preston, Joe Epps, Teressa Baxter, Gary Burnette, Colette Amici, Quinn Clarke, Betty Jackson, Eagle Eye, Tommy Hines, Gloria El, Beverly El, Mary Francis Wilkerson, Barbara Walker, Josephine Franco, Claudette Orie, Angelo Franco, Chief, Ellis Wright, Nancy Boone, Kacie Boone, Denise Jackson, Charles Baxter, William Lamb Howell, Karen Barrett

**Chief Brown opened meeting with My Heart Song prayer.**

* Denise Jackson and Collette Amici were asked by Chief to help Vashti with taking notes since Caroh was unavailable today due to her internship for her degree.
* A letter has been sent to the Queen of England requesting that we present our treaty to her in person either this year or in 2018. We are already on the calendar for the presentation to the Governor.
* Chief hasn't received any volunteers for his committees. If no volunteers are received by April, he will start appointing people.
* Correspondence has been sent to Congressman Whitman requesting that our tribe be added to the list of other state recognized tribes for Federal Recognition. (Thomasina Jordan Bill) Chief received a email from senator Warner’s Chief of staff call asking if he had spoken with the other 6 tribes and if they are OK with us being added. Chief advised that would never happen because of the clique they have. Chief requested a second bill be sponsored for us.
* Indian Country Today correspondence was received and handed out to the various committee heads. The correspondence was regarding classes that they can sign up for.
* Vashti to meet with Teressa Baxter to help with the tax returns. Now that we have other assets, the long form has to be completed which includes the reporting of revenue and expenses. Ball has fallen to Chief Brown to complete as Teresa Baxter said she was having problems following the form.
* 3/19/17-Chief needs tribal members in regalia to go to the 3rd annual William and Mary powwow to pass out our flyers and vendor contracts.
* Chief hasn't received the primitive skills flyer yet from Stan Piersa and wondered if he sent it to Caroh like last year. Caroh advised she hadn't received it yet.
* Chief asked for email addresses of churches to send the Revival flyer to. If addresses are given, they need to be in the format for a label. Mary Frances asked if the flyer states that you need to bring lawn chairs like at the powwow. Chief advised everyone should state that when handing/sending the flyers.
* Vashti read the February minutes draft and corrections were made. Joe moved, Gary 2nd to accept the February minutes with corrections. Vashti will communicate the corrections to Caroh.
* Chief stated that he needs each board member of the Heritage Foundation to provide her/his short biography (approximately seven sentences) so that the biographies can be placed on the Cheroenhaka Tribal website.
* Discussion of the First Nation grant and the Dominion Power grant to refurbish the Palisade Village. The tribe is in need of approximately $26,000.00 for the longhouse in flexbark. Collette submitted grant but it was not accepted.
* Discussion of USDA grant for the 13 acres of longleaf
* The Chief discussed the VDOT cost of Cultural Sign on route 58. Chief sated that there is a requirement of a $250.00 application fee and a narrative requirement. Chief stated that the sign should go up the early part of year 2019.
* Chief Brown stated that the current balance on the barn lease is $1048.13. The chief recommended that the current amount due on the barn lease of $169.91 be paid. It was moved, properly seconded, and unanimously agreed upon by all in attendance to pay the current balance of $169.91.
* Chief Brown named the grant committee members as follows : Beverly El, Teresa Preston, Denise Jackson, Gary Burnette, Cynthia Brown, Colette Amici, and Tommy Hines, Elenor Bailey

**Funds Received:**

 **ADMIN: LAND TAX:**

Paulette Lawrence $60 admin

Claudette Orie        $50 admin $100 land

Mary Francis Wilkerson   $50 (donation from church where she did presentation)

Larin Barham  $60 admin

Darryl Black    $60 admin

Timothy Fitzgerald Jr $60 admin

Joshua Fitzgerald  $30 admin  (this was a $90 check)

Bernard Hedgepeth Sr $200 land PIF

Samuel Tolbert Jr $60 admin, $340 land (total$400 rec'd)

Charles Baxter IV $60 admin

Victor Ellis $30 admin

Tori Ellis $30 ($120 check)

Sherrie Newby $60 admin, $100 land (total $160)

Daniel Orie $60 admin (also turned in his tribal allegiance paper)

Jerry Boone $50 admin, $50 land ($100 money order)

Vashti Clarke $100 land

Robert El $100 land

Edmund Sylvers $100 land ($300 check from Beverly El)

**New Members:**

Shalonda "Running Star" Boone A-87-3856

3602 Killy Ct, McGaheysville VA 22840

$250 received – stratified as: ($60 admin, $25 card, $165 land)

Vashti moved, Gary 2nd to approve tribal membership

**Total Money Received this day:**

$2120 total received of which $825 is due to tribal account for admin fees.

**Tribal ID Card Machine:**

* The total of the ID card machine was $2931.72. It came with 100 cards and we purchased 300 more.
* Caroh Holley, Mary Francis Wilkerson, Karen Barrett, Vashti Clarke, and Josephine Franco, Claudette Orie, Denise Jackson, Teresa Preston and Colette Amici will be trained on using the ID card machine. Sonya Williams is sending the file for the card she made for the Chief to him.

**Account balances as of 2/28/17**

  Tribal account $1784.53

  Heritage account $9812.12

**Tribal Bills:**

* Ellis confirmed the PortaJohn bill $350 has been paid.
* Barn lease due $169.91 ($1483.13 owed) Teressa Baxter moved, Joe Epps 2nd to pay with credit card.
* Dominion Power-need electrician to come and put manual switch so we can turn off lights.Tribe must find electrician to do this VA Power does not do it. We will need to replace lights and install switch.

There are 2 Dominion Power Meters;

1. Acct #4400485415 has $84.78 due
2. Acct #8145128859 has $44.06 due

Beverly moved, Tommy 2nd to pay

* The tent came down again. Poles bent etc. Chief paid $372 out of pocket to have this fixed and Ellis reimbursed him from the tribal account.
* Colette and Denise submitted $404.88 hotel bill for reimbursement. Tommy moved, Vashti 2nd to reimburse Colette.
* Nancy Boone submitted $228.26 hotel bill for reimbursement for 2016 ANA conference she attended. The check was written back then but Teressa had no mailing address so no vote was needed as this is old business. Nancy Boone's new address is 3602 Killy Ct, McGaheysville VA 22840. This is also new member Shalonda Boone's address. Email was confirmed as still being the same: popurpose@gmail.com

**Revival Updates/Hotel Rooms/Publications:**

12 Bezalel dancers 4 rooms needed

12-14 Shofar blowers 4 rooms needed

Silverheels 1 room

Taggart 1 room

Locklear 1 room

Anderson 1 room

**Total 12 rooms total needed at Palm Tree**

Vashti moved, Joe 2nd to pay for the rooms

**Other Business:**

* **Tidewater News** will be covering the revival -

Karen Barrett is doing a great job as our media representative and public relations

* Collette put in a 1st Nations grant for the community garden to put in water and fencing. The grant is in the review stage. $34,000 grant. Not approved
* The SEEDS grant no longer exists. It was replaced by the SEDS grant. Language Maintenance Preservation grant is $300,000 for 3 years for a total of $900,000.. The funding details won't come out until the end of March and you only have 60 days to submit; therefore, the surveys need to go out now. We may be able to use some of the information received last time. There is also a tourism grant.
* Vashti and Teresa Preston performing audit of admin fees. Vashti has completed up through 2014. As of right now, the total admin fees we should've received up to and including 2017 is $101,991. The amount actually received was $7,879.
* Colette advised Teresa Augustine (Director of Education at the Norfolk Botanical Garden) wants Chief to do a presentation and will pay. The presentation is about longleaf pines etc..
* Joe advised he and William and Tammy Desnoyers were compiling a vendor list to be ready for our upcoming powwows.