

**Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe
Monthly Meeting and Christmas Party 12/14/2019
Ruth Campbell Library**

Attendees:

Chief Brown
Karen Barrette
Tommy Hines
Joseph Epps
Gary Burnette
Gladys Pedesco
Chief Brown
Linda DePriest
Todd DePriest
Brenda Thomas
William Lamb Howell
Beverly El
Mary Francis Wilkerson

Meeting Started at 1230 pm Chief blessed the food so that we could eat.

- Chief Brown talking about Federal recognition and BIA package. Chief Brown stated that he needs help with getting the packages for Federal Recognition and BIA and is requesting assistance at his house to get these packages together.
- Chief Brown also stated that the bill or federal recognition for the remaining 3 tribes (Cheroenhaka Pottawomack and Nottoway Inc.) is in the works.
- Check 2070 from Foundation written to tribal Account \$554 for reimbursement of check to Robert Stevenson for the tent fee
 **moved by William Howell second by Gary Burnette.
- Chief requesting each tribal member to go to the website and print the oath of allegiance from the back of the constitution and by-laws fill out and mail in. this is needed for BIA package and Federal Recognition.
- Contract for Fry-bread and Taco (gazebo) has Chief Browns name on it instead of the Heritage Foundation. He is getting the contract redone to reflect the tribes name or heritage foundation.

(CNE needs motion)

- The \$1000 per month from CNE to the tribal account \$500 be paid as a donation to the Cheroenhaka Nottoway tribal Foundation.
**Moved by Tommy Hines (CNE Board) and second by Ellis Wright (Tribal Council)
- CNE Treasurer receives \$100 per month and Secretary receives \$25 per month
** Moved by Gary Burnette (CNE Board) second by Ellis Wright (tribal council)

- 32 Tribal Cheroenhaka members and 20 from 'other' tribes attended our November Powwow
- Foundation Balance \$9614.85 minus check to tribal account \$9060.85
- Tribal Account balance \$2550.63

- Last Dominion Power payment \$95.36 and \$57.31 Paid on 11/22/2019
- Ken Custelo tribal rep for Dominion Energy is seeking information on Indian Artisian certs. Chief asked secretary to send email.
- Check 2058 \$19243.00 tax payment parcel 75-12C
- Gary Burnette addressed the grant and report back to American Evolution he discussed the remaining receipts needed and talked to how he balanced the report and all financial findings. Gary gave thanks to Karen Barrette for advertising and Vashti Clarke for her work on the financial end keeping the receipts straight.

Bills:

- Deborah Mattahari sent invoice for \$388 for internet – discussion it is being brought up that this internet bill should not be paid in full but perhaps by a percentage instead. There was large discussion that Chief did not want to hear or entertain. Tribe is asking that it be considered that she only get paid a percentage of her internet bill not the whole bill. Chief announced that he is tabling this until next meeting and he would pay this himself because we don't understand how much work Deborah does on the internet for the tribe. This is a point of contention as things are not updated on the website timely, there are typos etc. that are not being corrected and old information is still out there. This has been brought to his attention via screen shots and emails and Items are still not being corrected.
- Invoice reimbursements from Powwow and School Day out of pocket with the exception of tribal van insurance
 1. Gary Burnette \$800 moved and second by Ellis Wright and Beverly El
 2. Vashti Clarke \$65.63 chili and cornbread moved by Beverly El second Ellis Wright
 3. Karen Barrette \$169.59 moved and second by Beverly El and Ellis Wright
 4. Chief Brown 2952.88 for out of pocket expenses see invoice attached. Moved and seconded by Ellis Wright and second by Gary Burnette.
 5. 66.08 to Ellis Wright for out of pocket expense moved and seconded by Beverly El and Gary Burnette.

***Checks were written by Chief Brown as treasurer Vashti Clarke left after discussion on internet bill for Deborah Mottahari was shut down by Chief Brown.

- 157.56 for van insurance is paid every 6 months for the van insurance. Moved and second by Mary Francis Wilkerson and second by Gary Burnette that Chief Brown be reimbursed every 6 month for paying the van insurance.

Deposits: \$1287.50

- 50 check from Beverly El
- 60 check Vernon Rainey
- 500 tribal account
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- 30 for sweat shirt and bag Mary Francis
- 50 Ellis Wiright for 2 t-shirt
- 10 check from Beverly El to add to her sweat shirt check