

Elders Council Business Meeting November 5, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Stanley Morseau, 11:12 a.m.

Invocation: Clarence White.

ROLL CALL: Chairman, Stanley Morseau, P, Vice Chair, Maxine Margiotta, P, Treasurer, Clarence White, P, Secretary, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Catherine Ford, P.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Beth Warner, Elders Specialist, P, Judy Winchester, Elders Representative, P.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Stanley moved to accept to accept the Treasurer's report. October, 2015, Cathy supported, 5 yes, passed.

MINUTES: Maxine moved to accept the October 1, 2015 minutes, Clarence supported, 4 yes, 1 abstain, passed.

AGENDA: Jason Wesaw reports on some of the capital projects. Language and Cultural building will be built with access off Indian Lake Rd. It will be used as a multi-purpose building, classes will be able to be held there. Jason was asked if the Elders could put a time capsule in the corner stone. He saw no reason why it couldn't be done, but would have to be discussed with the contractors.

Community Center kitchen is to be changed to a commercial kitchen. Work will begin January 16, 2016.

There will be multi-purpose rooms in the Administration Bldg.

Hartford Housing, project has already started. One building is just about enclosed. The cement work has already been poured for one of the Elders building. There will be no basements, but will have safe rooms, and ample living space. Other housing programs that are available are: lease to own, homeless programs, repair and rehab, rental programs. Well and sewer improvements, 10 county area.

The Wellness Center has three dentists, Pharmacy, Behavioral health, Optical, Nike Shoe program.

Social Services programs cover emergency services, food commodities, supplemental heating program, supplemental assistance, Elders services, emergency food program, foster care program, child care development fund.

The five year plan: assisted living, new elders hall as close to Elders Village as possible.

Call Majel DeMarsh for more information on Traditional Healer Keith Smith and wife. Majel's number is (269) 782-6440.

High Education, a tribal school for grades K-12 has been discussed.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: The snow removal program has been raised to \$175.00. Beginning January 1, 2016 and ending April 1, 2016. You will be reimbursed \$25.00 per plow.

Ruth Saldivar collected Halloween candy from people who had purchased too much. She then turned and sold the candy to the North Point Pediatric Dentistry who then sends it to our service members. Ruth received \$20.00, which she donated to the Elders emergency fund.

NEW BUSINESS: December 18, 2015 is the Elders Christmas party. It will be held at the Community Center, start time is 11:00 am. A gift exchange will be held. Please bring a \$10 gift.

The MIEA conference was held at the Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek. The highlight of the conference was prom night. A king and queen were chosen, our own Yvonne "Petey" Boehm was chosen Prom Queen. Carl Wesaw was elected as the new Vice Chairman of the MIEA.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Language classes, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Monday morning.

A beginning language class will be held on Thursday evenings at Elders Hall, from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. The class will be taught by Kevin Daugherty.

Movies are held once a month at Elders hall, contact Beth as to the date and time.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Jackie Trux, Susan Laursen, Evelyn Miller, Fred Klemm, Margaret Rapp, Stanley Morseau, Faye Magnuson.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: Gus & Dorothy Gwilt.

ADJOURNMENT: Audrey moved to adjourn, Clarence supported. 5 Yes, adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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Don't forget our social lunches held every third Thursday of the month. On these days we may have holiday parties, special events, or games. Every weekday a hot lunch is served at the Elders Hall. You are welcome to come to meet new elders you may not know or visit your friends.

Medicare Part B Information for Elders

If you wish to be reimbursed for Medicare Part B, please send Beth Warner, Elders Specialist, a copy of your Social Security Statement. Statements can be mailed to:

Elders Program
PO Box 180
Dowagiac MI 49047

Or they can be faxed to (269) 782-1696. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Beth Warner at (269) 782-0765.