

CNCA Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday September 23, 2016

Time: 2:00 pm CDT

Location: Community and Cultural Outreach Conference room

Meeting called to order by Dawena Squirrel at 2:04 pm

Prayer in Cherokee- Dawnena Squirrel

Roll Call done by Dawnena Squirrel– Present: CNCA Acting President: Dawnena Mackey, CNCA Secretary/Compliance Officer Jacquie Archambeau, CNCA Board Member: Ron Qualls, TC Rep Wanda Hatfield. Present by telephone: CNCA Board Member: Robin Smith, TC Rep: Jack Baker, Chad Harsha of the CN Attorney General Office. Special Guests present: Tammy Keeter-Miller-CCO, Kevin Stretch-CCO and Linda Leaf-Bolin of the Greater Tulsa Cherokees.

Quorum was declared

Minute approved from previous meeting

Motion made by Ron Qualls to approve, Robin Smith seconded. Vote passes, minutes approved.

Welcome and Introductions done

Presidents Report:

Dawnena Squirrel reported.

IRS Group Exemption Process Update and Report:

1. Report:

Jacquie and Dawena reported on Jacquie's visits to the At Large Communities. How the visits were helpful in letting the groups know that they were supported, had a connection and less confusion on who to report to. It provided a clearing up of the roles of CNCA, CCO and CN for all the groups. It was a huge step forward for all the groups to renew not only the reporting but getting their communities back on track with activities and recruiting. All the groups need to be nourished, while they have a certain amount of autonomy, they do need the nourishment and to know that there are people there to help them.

Met with Fresno; 8 volunteers attended. They are very excited to start building a community in their area. They have named themselves the Cherokees of the Greater Central Valley.

Wanda brought up that some meetings are hard to get to, as far as distance, etc. This was something that was brought up with each group on Jacquie's visits. Understanding that moving meetings around to cater to their members' population can be very difficult, but we are hopeful to incorporate occasional meetings in new parts of their areas to draw new members and those who can't always make it to regular meeting places. It also would help to continue to get information out to the areas that there are At Large Satellite Communities near them; there are still many people who don't know about these communities.

Now that Jacquie has finished traveling, she will focus on the 3 groups that are ready for the IRS Group Exemption Process: Mt Hood Cherokees, Kansas City Cherokee Community and Capital City Cherokee Community.

2. Valley of the Sun Cherokees: Chaptering Agreement

Chad Harsha: Chaptering an individual 501(c)3, need wording for a Chaptering agreement. Need a form to send to the VSC for their Board to sign. Chad will put together a form to use, get back with him in 15 days.

3. Greater Tulsa Cherokees:

Jacquie reports that we received a letter from the Greater Tulsa Cherokees (GTC) requesting acknowledgement as a group seeking Chaptering under the CNCA.

Linda Leaf-Bolin spoke about the first GTC meeting and the formation of an At Large Community in the Tulsa area.

GTC's Advisory Board:

Linda Leaf-Bolin

Deacon Turner

Joseph Byrd

Mark Wilson

Connie Conley

Garry Martin

A timeline was submitted.

Jacquie made the motion: That the Cherokee Nation Community Association (CNCA) acknowledges the Greater Tulsa Cherokee as an At Large Satellite seeking to chapter under the CNCA. Robin seconded. Vote passes.

4. Cherokee South West Township:

Jacquie: As you all remember: Back on January 9, 2016 Dawni, Tammy and I visited the CSWT. It appeared that they would move forward with their reporting leading to being Chaptering.

January 21, 2016 the CSWT sent a letter revoking their relationship with the CNCA and the CN.

The CNCA voted and accepted their revocation. We have received a new letter from the CSWT dated August 11, 2016 rethinking what had occurred and requesting a meeting and obtaining their Chapter renewal. In the interim a new group in Albuquerque: New Mexico Cherokee Community (NMCC)

Dawni reminded us of what had occurred at the January 9th meeting and up to the revocation. Tammy also spoke of how we had offered to help and they did not want our help, so as far as CCO is concerned we have already had the face to face with them. Response to letter is needed. Discussion among meeting attendees.

Ron Qualls made the Motion to send a letter in response to the CSWT letter denying their request for a meeting. Jacquie seconded. Vote passes.

IRS Form 990-N

Jacquie motioned that Tammy Miller submits the IRS 990-N on behalf of the CNCA. Robin seconds. Vote, passes.

CNCA Bylaws:

Dawna proposes to create a committee to look over the CNCA's Bylaws, make suggestions to update them.

Jack Baker suggested sending copies of the CNCA Bylaws to the entire CNCA Board and Advisory so that they look over the bylaws and send their suggestions to the Bylaws committee. Discussion.

Jacquie motioned : That the CNCA Board form a Bylaws Committee to redline the Bylaws. Robin seconded. Vote, passes.

Announcements:

Next Board Meeting Friday January 27th 2017. 2pm.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Ron Qualls. Jacquie seconds. Vote passes.