

TOLIKAN CHAPTER

Planning Meeting [X] Regular Meeting [] Special Meeting []

AGENDA

January 19, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

President Clark called the meeting to order at 10:21 with a quorum present.

INVOCATION: President Clark

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA:

President Clark read and reviewed the agenda.

Motioned: Lovena Lee

Seconded: Louise Scott

ACTION: The following resolutions were requested and added;

1. Resolution # TC-005: Requesting Indian Health Service, Environmental Health and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) to complete the Water Line Extension Project for Immanuel Mission area as scheduled for all residences listed in the plan.
2. Resolution # tC-006: Requesting resolution to the Navajo Nation Council and Navajo Nation President for supplemental funding for chapter official stipend fund.
3. Resolution # TC-007: Tolikan Chapter opposing the H.R. 4532 titled "Shash Ja'a National Monument and Indian Creek Nation Monument ACT".

Vote: 06-00-00

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:

President Clark announced the minutes for December 3, 2017 planning meeting were distributed for reading and review for any additions and/or corrections. There were no additions and corrections.

Motioned: Lovena

Seconded: Louise Scott

Vote: 06-00-00

ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS: 1. Ashley M. Thomas, Navajo Food Access Navigation

Kim Pierce, Superintendent, Red Mesa School, was present. He reported the present status of Red Mesa School with their funding and enrollment. The State reviews their enrollment each month and they get funded by the month. The budget is going up and down which makes it hard to keep up with everything. They are experiencing declining enrollment. The families are not as large as it use to be, a lot of families live in border town for better opportunity and better economy as well as employment, and students living in Utah cannot enroll because of the State law. Mr. Pierce wants to work with the eight local chapters to get more students enrolled.

Currently, 500 students are enrolled. In November they had 400 students. They use to be 700 – 800 students enrolled. They plan to have various educational programs in place to get and keep the students enrolled.

The following questions were presented that Mr. Pierce answered:

1. Does the 500 students enrolled include students enrolled at Round Rock and Red Valley schools?

Mr. Pierce: Yes. Round Rock has 34 students, Red Valley has 75 students and the rest is Red Mesa – 391.

2. How many seniors this year?

Mr. Pierce: He will say 42, but will check to make sure. He will also check on the number of kindergarten and exceptional students being serviced.

2. What is being done to have a stable enrollment?

Mr. Pierce: They will attend chapter meetings, have family nights, and develop educational programs.

3. The school had elective classes which brought kids in. When the school did away with that, enrollment declined. When did the school realize declining enrollment and wanted more kids to enroll?

Mr. Pierce: We were admitting students from the State of Utah, but were forced to stop; and were required to pay back \$5 million to the State. That money is barely finished being paid back. It takes time for the changes to be processed and get adjusted to it. The CET Building is built to provide training on construction, welding, nursing program, etc. The school is getting the word out on this building.

4. Are we getting close to the State requirements for certified teachers?

Mr. Pierce: All the teachers are certified.

5. Does the school have a teacher retention program?

Mr. Pierce: The school has a professional development program.

6. Why is the rumor out there about people being laid off?

Mr. Pierce: Elaborated briefly how they addressed certain situations concerning their enrollment and their projection to meet the needs, when the School Board requested for personnel reduction to preserve the school funds and teachers. Their major funding sources are State, Title II, and Grant.

7. School Board, how are they paid?

Mr. Pierce: They are elected in. They do not get paid.

8. State grades overall, New Mexico comes at "D" grade level State-wide. Where does Arizona stand?

Mr. Pierce: Barely published the preliminary process. The grades came out. Arizona did the State test and they said they will tell us the test results. We know we have to provide quality education for the kids. Labeling the system is not good. We have great teachers. A lot of students that graduated from Red Mesa went to college.

8. Does the school have a security system in place, based on the incident at Aztec High School?

Mr. Pierce: Personnel receive training on security in Flagstaff. Mr. Pierce was already trained involving school security. He stated, "We don't panic but start monitoring the situation". We have to have a good contact with the Police Department. But Aztec was a huge alert.

Some recommendations were presented to Mr. Pierce:

1. Sponsor class reunion(s) with a barbecue or cook out. Do some fund raising activities and each chapter could put up posters, notify former students, etc. During the reunion each chapter should be allowed to report on the students from their chapter that graduated from Red Mesa and their current status.

2. Allow students to earn credit for being involved in their chapter government, because youth involvement is needed at the chapters.

3. Tolikan Chapter will provide healthy refreshment during graduation this year.

4. Mr. Pierce is to bring an interpreter to the regular chapter meeting January 26, 2018.

Lovena Lee:

Mrs. Lee is retired from Tolikan Senior Center and just home. She plans to be at the chapter on Thursdays and will come in to assist with the food bank food distribution. Her position will be advertised and filled.

President Clark expressed her gratitude to Lovena Lee for being employed with the Senior Center for many years. Her recognition is highly respected.

David Tsosie:

1/25/18: Permittees meeting at 10:00 a.m. at Tolikan Chapter.

President Clark:

1/22/18: Uranium meeting with Peter Denetclaw, if the Government is not shut down.

1/26/18: Regular chapter meeting at 12:00 noon.

Arnold Slowman:

1/23-24/18: Business Site Lease training at Tolikan Chapter starting at 10:00 a.m. with Margerie Dee. Everyone should attend to receive a lot of information needed.

-Fire Wood and Coal are available. No feed and hay. NAPI has only expensive hay available.

OLD BUSINESS: None

President Clark gave the floor to Lovena Lee to conduct the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution # TC-001:** Accepting the First Quarter (October, November December of 2017) Financial Report for Tolikan Chapter. Lovena lee presented the resolution.

Motioned: Louise Scott

Seconded: President Clark

ACTION: Kathy Nevayaktewa and Arnold Slowman got the floor to present the financial report. Mrs. Nevayaktewa distributed the Balance Sheet - Detail Combining Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2017 and the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – Detail Combining Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

She reviewed the statements consisting of the 17 accounts set up for the chapter, reporting the balance for each account as of December 31, 2017 for the Balance Sheet - Detail Combining Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2017. The ending fund balance for the chapter on December 31, 2017 was \$497,616.24.

Mrs. Nevayaktewa reported the revenues listed on the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – Detail Combining Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for each account is the total Fiscal Year 2018 Navajo Nation annual appropriation budgeted for each account. It also shows the expenses paid out for each account. Total revenue is \$ 282,824.47 and total expenditures is \$116,741.75 as of December 31, 2017.

DISCUSSION: President Clark inquired on hiring a PEP employee to assist the chapter officials with some permanent records, etc. An inquiry was made on what the communication expense is and if Tolikan had natural gas; and why is Tolikan Chapter not hiring a permanent office assistant.

It was explained communication expense is a payment for cell phone service. We have propane and no natural gas. The PEP office worker is a temporary position. All PEP positions are temporary employment with no retirement, holiday pay, etc. and they can be replaced any time. You have to establish a permanent position and request for funding, do the classification, etc.

Mrs. Nevayektewa explained a permanent employee salary would come out of General Fund Account. The chapter would have to request benefit, hours, sick leave, funds, etc. to establish a permanent position. For temporary positions, it is only FICA, Medicare and workman's compensatory.

Mr. Tsosie stated that Tolikan Chapter needs to seriously consider a permanent position that will assist the Chapter Administration and the chapter officials as we are a certified chapter. A sheet of agenda items were presented at the TCDC meeting yesterday that were just for information and there are some with no performance and no progress causing redundant work. And Navajo Nation does not have any projects listed for Tolikan Chapter.

It was agreed to refer the request to establish a permanent position to TCDC. This permanent position will assist with processing and completing a lot of the chapter projects.

Mr. Slowman elaborated on how over whelming his job is as a chapter manager. He talked with Mrs. Nevayetewa about how funds could be increased to complete the chapter projects. Each chapter accounts are ear marked. He is interested in doing a lot for the chapter and community, but he has to learn a lot. As a new employee of the chapter, he hates to say he is still learning. He has no coach.

Mr. Slowman and Mrs. Nevayatewa were advised to work on establishing a permanent position and prepare for the budget season in June or July 2018.

Vote: 06-00-00

2. **Resolution # TC-002:** Requesting to approve the second Peace Maker Representative from Tolikan Chapter to Shiprock District Court. Lovena Lee presented the resolution.

David Tsosie motioned; seconded by Kathy Nevayatewa to table Resolution # TC-002 for letters of interest.

Vote: 06-00-00

3. **Resolution # TC-003:** Requesting resolution to BIA-Division of Transportation and Navajo Division of Transportation to start the N35 highway construction as scheduled in 2018. Lovena Lee presented the resolution.

Motioned: David Tsosie

Seconded: Woody Lee

ACITON: Woody Lee requested and it was agreed to present the resolutions on the N35 highway construction at the monthly regular chapter meetings. And requested to Include **Resolution # TC-004:** Requesting resolution to BIA-Division of Transportation and Navajo Division of Transportation to re-route the Ant Spring Bridge Road to do the feasibility study in the motion. Mr. Tsosie agreed.

Vote: 07-00-00

4. **Resolution # TC-005:** Requesting Indian Health Service, Environmental Health and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) to complete the Water Line Extension Project for Immanuel Mission area as scheduled for all residences listed in the plan. Lovena Lee presented the resolution. Mrs. Nevayatewa explained Environmental Health wants to stop the water line extension at the Poyer residence due to the water pressure. The water Line extension scheduled includes Leslie and Lenora Herbert, Lila Hanley and Julius Hanley residences which are located pass the Herbert residence. This resolution is to continue the water line extension project as scheduled back in 2001.

Motioned: Woody Lee

Seconded: Louise Scott

ACTION: It was suggested another option is to put up a tank. All the residences have bathroom additions completed. A water tank could be set up, too.

Vote: 05-00-00

5. **Resolution # TC-006:** Requesting resolution to the Navajo Nation Council and Navajo Nation President for supplemental funding for chapter official stipend fund.

Motioned: President Clark

Seconded: Louise Scott

Vote; 07-00-00

6. **Resolution # TC-007:** Tolikan Chapter opposing the H.R. 4532 titled "Shash Ja'a National Monument and Indian Creek Nation Monument ACT". Lovena Lee presented the resolution.

Motioned: President Clark

Seconded: Louise Scott

ACTION: Woody Lee is sponsoring this resolution. Other tribes are opposing this Act and they filed with the federal court. President Trump does not care. The federal court informed him he is in trouble. Some people are agreeing with what President Trump did. But the majority of the Indian tribes are opposing it.

Mr. Slowman stated that the council delegate needs to concentrate on our chapter projects here. Our projects are not even on the list with Navajo Nation. He informed Mr. Lee that we support him on what he brings before the chapter.

Vote: 06-00-00

SCHOLARSHIP: Resolution # T008.

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| 1. Craig Horse | 4. Laqueta Howe | 7. Juanita Howe |
| 2. Chantesuta Harrison | 5. Jamie Horse | 8. Tiffany Maldonado |
| 3. Wahnnonah Benally | 6. Patrisha Slowman | 9. Ranalda Tsosie |

Enrichment Program: Raia Chase

Lovena Lee presented the resolution.

Motioned: Woody Lee

Seconded: Louise Scott

ACTION: According to the policy the students that received scholarship funds for Fall Semester will not be considered this time for scholarship award. These applications are for the Spring Semester. Those listed above that have been awarded for Fall Semester are: Wahnnonah Benally, Jamie Horse and Patrisha Slowman. It was requested to add Sheltah Chase to the list above. And the student applicants will receive \$250.00 each.

Vote: 05-00-00

REPORTS:

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| 1. Chapter Officials | 5. Chapter Administration | 9. DNA Representative |
| 2. Grazing Committee | 6. Northern Agency Fair Board | 10. TCDC |
| 3. Council Delegate | 7. Veterans Committee | 11. CHR |
| 4. Senior Local Council | 8. Peace Maker Representatives | |

President Clark motioned; seconded by Woody Lee to refer all reports to regular chapter meeting January 26, 2018.

Vote: 05-00-00

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 16, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:00 p.m.

Motioned: President Clark Seconded: Louise Scott

Vote: "1"

John Hosteen with Health Promotion from Four Corners Regional Health Center arrived before everybody left; and was allowed to explain why he came. Mr. Hosteen explained he is working with Navajo Nation Community Development on the wellness plans at the chapters. They are also doing assessment for Tolikan and TeecNosPos chapters. Mr. Hosteen was advised to work with Arnold Slowman. The Tolikan Community Development Committee (TCDC) has funds and is developing some walking trails that have been identified.

Submitted by:


Louise Scott, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer


Date

Attachments – 3: 1. 2-Statements for Financial Report and 2. List of Scholarship Applicants

cc: Lena Clark
Lovena Lee
David Tsosie
Davis Filfred/Woody Lee

