

Elders Meeting Minutes March 6, 2019

Meeting opened 12:35 p.m. Pete gave prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Lil and Pete Kruger, Nancy and Tom Moore, Linda Jones, Debb Mattson, Marge Witcraft, Rose Brownfield, Glen and Ann Parker, Patti Puhn, Tom and Linda Peterson, Mitch Carrington, Sally Brownfield, Traci Coffey, Kim Olson, and Elizabeth Heredia. Elders out Ill: Lila Jacobson, Gene Hoosier.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Jaimie Cruz Lehman, Youth Advocate. She spoke to us concerning youth wanting to be mentored by Elders. They are interested in tracing family trees including interviewing Elders and taping their stories. Talk about sports, music, public speaking. She talked about recycling clothes from Goodwill and helping youth find summer jobs. Youth Council recently presented a program at Shelton High School and educated their peers on the life of Billy Frank Jr. It was a very successful assembly. They are running for Youth Council of the year. They have expressed a need for a 'young men's club' and positive role models. Contact Jaimie at JCruz@Squaxin.us or 360-742-6527.

Rose read the minutes from the February meeting. They were approved as written by majority present.

There was no Treasurers report at this time as Carolyn was absent due to Gene's accident. Patti Puhn stated that the 1% Committee check was in for this quarter.

Traci discussed travels and ground rules and putting a limit on number of people allowed to take trips. She also stated that the Travel Committee had met this day. Budget Committee had to cancel their meeting due to Carolyn not being able to attend. Traci is exploring exclusive resorts for further trips. We discussed limiting Elder Host Luncheon out-of-area dinners to 2 a year as overnight trips. Traci pointed out her yearly calendar with all the activities including other Tribal Elder Host Lunches. There will be two big trips this year: one to Hawaii and one undetermined. Attendance at meetings and other activities was discussed. We are thinking about starting a point system to determine who goes on trips and a way to contribute to Elders program if you can't attend meetings. We have small numbers attending meetings, and working at activities then get big lists for wanting to go on trips. We would like to see more Elder participation in all activities.

EVENTS:

Columbia River cruise not available yet. Movie 'Edge of Night' - copy coming to us so we don't have to travel to Bellingham. Movie will be shown in Community Kitchen. Date to be determined. Shelton schools is hosting the movie "Rumble" March 16th at Shelton Theater. It is about Native contribution to music. Please RSVP to Shelton School District if you can. Or just go in early - first 128 get in free. Mental Health First Aide be held at the Community Kitchen 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 5th. Contact Elizabeth Heredia at 360-426-1582. Grief and Remembrance Support Group has moved to Thursday afternoons at same time. 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Museum classroom.

POOL HOURS:

Monday 8:00 - 9:00 and 10:30 - 11:30. Further classes or times open for Elders will be assessed by need.

Traci showed us her calendar next to her office door, so we know what days she works.

Motion to adjourn by Kim, second by Tom

Adjourned 1:35 p.m.

Minutes by Rose Brownfield