



ICI Board of Directors Agenda 6PM Rose Room
Feb 27, 2019
Called to Order at 6:20 pm

1. Chariman Frank Bear Killer called the meeting to order at 6:20pm
2. Invocation: Phyllis _____
3. Roll Call

Chair Frank Bearkiller, <i>Present</i> Vice Chair Earl Pilcher Jr. <i>Present</i> Treasurer Kirk Dombrowski <i>Present</i> Director Marshall Pritchard, <i>Present</i>	Director David Ambrose, <i>Excused</i> Director Erin Poor, <i>Present</i> Anitra Warrior, <i>Excused</i> Interim Exec. Dir. Georgiana Ausan, (ex officio) <i>Present</i>
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Quorum: 5 of 7 sitting board members present

4. Introduction of new Director candidate: Deveron Baxter.
 - a. Dir. Prichard made a motion to vote Mr. Baxter onto the board.
 - b. Dir. Dombrowski seconded the motion.
 - c. The board voted in favor of Deveron Baxter joining the board.
 - d. D. Baxter was sworn in by Dir. Dombrowski.
5. Approval of Agenda Items
 - a. Dir. Bearkiller asked for a vote to approve the meeting agenda.
 - b. Dir. Dombrowski made a motion.
 - c. Dir. Pritchard seconded the motion.
 - d. A vote was made to approve the minutes. The board voted in favor of Deveron Baxter.
6. Community Forum:
 - a. Phyllis... presented a letter by Leo Yankton detailing an interpersonal conflict with Michele Skywalker and calling for the Chair Frank Bearkiller to step down.
 - b. Clem asked for a formal apology statement from the board.
 - c. Nettie shared frustrations with the board.
 - d. Frank addressed the letter and shared some of his history of his time on the board. Shared that he opposed making Michelle Skywalker a board member. She still was allowed a spot on the board. Frank offered apologies to the community members who are present.
 - e. George said that the investigation of the financial actions. That will be on the next agenda.



7. ICI Advisory Council Update: report by Renee Baier
 - a. Advisory Council is now meeting twice a month to keep the momentum going.
 - b. Proposed public event on March 16th to bring in the first thunder and reopening of the sweat lodge. Phyllis, Mike, and Frank will be captains of that effort. Looking for more help on that project.
 - c. Bylaws committee has met 3 times, and they are working to reconstruct the bylaws. They have worked to condense the bylaws from 30 pages to 5 pages.
 - d. Renee is working to get the grant writer, Stephanie with Goldenrod back in communication and under agreement to continue helping with ICI grants.
 - e. Board member absenteeism: AC would like a response on what is happening with those board members who miss 3 or more meetings during this time of crisis.
 - f. AC acknowledges and appreciates the new format of the Board meeting agenda with new column of Report/Action.

8. Nomination and Appointment Secretary.
 - a. Erin Poor will be acting secretary.
 - b. There is 1 more board seat open. George recommended Kevin Abourezk. Kevin said he needed to consider it. Kevin recommended Larry Voegele of the Ponca Tribe.

9. Role of Director:
 - a. Be present at all meetings and come to the events at the center. Uphold the bylaws.

10. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Dir. Pritchard moved to vote to approve the meeting minutes:
 - b. Dir. Poor seconded the motion
 - c. A vote was made: vote passed.

11. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Kirk: Presented the current report.
 - i. Scottsbluff's outstanding debt was paid off.
 - ii. Paid off some outstanding credit card dues.
 - iii. Menards is taking ICI to small claims court.
 - iv. Met with Community Health Endowment about a grant that is in consideration (with St. Monica's). Would like to see a strategic planning committee formed and would like to help in a strategic planning process (that conversation was Feb. 22). Would like to see a community health mission. Shared with the CHE that we will plan to sell the truck that they bought for us 5 or 6 years ago.
 - v. Addressing the long-term debt issue: we still owe around \$100,000, and we owe our accountant. At the last meeting we discussed looking into



selling Many Oaks property. Dir. Dombrowski was instructed by the board to look into selling the property to get an injection of cash. Dombrowski began talking with HUD and learned that there are about 60 partners in the Many Oakes limited partnership. IC Trust owns 48 percent of the property. It has \$285,000 worth of debt, and it has 3 years left on the Land Use Restriction agreement. There is sufficient value in the sale to do maintenance on the building and take care of our debt. An audit for the Main Oaks LP is going on now. We are looking into whether or not we can sell the trust without a stakeholder meeting. We are hopeful that we can sell that very soon with the support of the other stakeholders. Before any of that can happen, the board has to approve a motion to sell that property. In the meantime we need to sell the white truck in order to cover the expenses for the coming months.

- vi. Kirk addressed a comment made in the Community Forum, saying no one is talking about selling the ICI building. Just properties that are owned by the IC Trust that are not financially benefiting ICI.
- vii. Clem asked if there was further conversation among the board about the suggestion of working with the Ponca as a tenant of ICI building. Kirk said that that was a suggestion that was thinking further into the future. That we are not currently pursuing that. But if the community wants that, we can pursue it.
- viii. Nettie asked about the property in Scottsbluff. Dombrowski said that conversations with HUD have stalled because of the Gov. shutdown.
- ix. Nettie asked about other vehicles. IED George said hopefully the other vehicles will be sold in the next few days.
- x. Director Marshal Pritchard is working with the Ponca Tribe to purchase the white truck.
- xi. Dir. Poor asked about the bridge grant from LCF that was mentioned in December. Kirk said that we need to meet with LCF soon. But we need to demonstrate that we are taking action. Dir. Poor asked if we can work on getting the strategic planning group formed and work started with CHE to report that progress to LCF. Discussion about forming a strategic planning committee.
 1. 4 members of the board. 4 members of the Advisory Committee

12. Exec. Director's Report: Interim Dir. George shared highlights from the Director's report. (see report)

- a. Additional Comments: After completing the quarterly reports for WIOA and finding some discrepancies, George wants to look at some other federal grant reports submitted in the last year and check their accuracy, make any corrections necessary.
- b. Very close to completing the internal audit. Would like to turn the remainder of the work over to the accountant, Denise.
- c. Rummage sale went relatively well even with inclement weather. Make about



\$1000. Some folks were concerned about WIOA equipment being sold. Prior to the sale George had already looked into the legality of those sales, and confirmed that money made from those sales need to go back into WIOA program. We do have some outstanding rent related to WIOA so directing those funds to that program won't be a problem.

- d. Dir. Dombrowski asked about the state tax overpayment. George will look into when we should receive the payment. Should be at \$8,000.
 - e. Another Rummage sale is scheduled for next weekend.
13. Program Report: Director Dombrowski (see Native Connections for Life January report).
14. Old Business. No old business.
15. New Business,
- a. Dir. Dombrowski reported that all the federal audits are done and we are in good standing. George asked if we need to talk more about selling the property. Dombrowski reported that any sale over \$100,000 requires the approval of the ICI board.
 - b. Dir. Dombrowski made a motion to ask this board to empower the IC Trust to explore the possibility of the sale of Many Oakes, and gather the necessary information to move forward with the sale. However the board retains the power to stop the process at any time. Erin seconded the motion. Director Prichard called for a roll call vote. The directors votes thus:
 - Director Pilcher abstained
 - Director Dombrowski: aye
 - Director Prichard: No
 - Director Poor: aye
 - Director Baxter: ayeThe motion passed.
 - c. Appointment to Standing Committees:
 - Director Dombrowski volunteered for Finance/Admin
 - Director Poor volunteered for Planning/Development
 - Director Bear Killer volunteered for Planning/Development
 - Director Baxter volunteered for Buildings & Grounds.
 - Director Pritchard on the Buildings & Grounds.
 - Erin will be the acting Secretary.
16. Dir. Earl Pilcher made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Dir. Pritchard seconded. The vote was approved.
- a. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37

Submitted by:
Director Erin Poor