

Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns
Historic Preservation Division
254 Washington Street SW
Ground Level
Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 11, 2015 1:30 p.m.

Call to Order

McCormick

Present:

McCormick; Wallsmith; Nicklas; McCrory; Crews; Altman;
Kirkland

Guests:

Vonnie McCormick; Cindy Conley; Walter J. Knapp; Menelik
Alleyne; Betty Barnard

Invocation:

Crews

Approval of minutes:

November 2014 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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January 2015(planning retreat)

Treasurer's Report:

\$9,753 left for this fiscal year

Communications to the Council:

Emails via web site – McCormick

None other than mentioned below.

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Telephone calls – Wallsmith

One call from a woman who wanted a person to come say a prayer for someone being taken off life support. Wallsmith passed the message on to David Gomez at New Echota, who contacted a Cherokee pastor.

Mail – Wallsmith

A complaint from the Georgia Tribe of Eastern of Cherokee that they wish to have representation on the Council. A letter was sent to the governor and other entities in the state government by their attorney requesting a member of their tribe be appointed and seeking legal remedy otherwise.

Archaeo Notifications – Altman

None

New Business:

1. Traveling trunks for education

Information about the costs for developing traveling trunks for education related to the state curriculum standards. Wallsmith will communicate with the company; Altman and Nicklas will develop policies.

2. Request for study

Gwinnett County burial; An email came to the Council via the website last year, and was updated recently. A citizen is reporting the presence of some burials on private property in Gwinnett County. Nicklas will contact the citizen to get the details.

3. Georgia Criminal Justice

Betty Barnard, from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

- Coordinating Committee Identifying crime victims to provide services. “Victims of Crime Act” funding is increasing and they want to work with communities to become a friend and advocate for victims services within the state tribes. Culturally specific services are also possible.
4. Special Mention Special note be made of the excellent work of DEBBIE WALLSMITH in planning and executing the January planning retreat in Calhoun, GA. Everyone had a wonderful and educational experience. Thank you!
5. Planning Session October Sapelo Island retreat October 23-25. Reserving this date, planning in the interim.

Ongoing Business

Report from Menelik Alleyne on the strategic planning from the ICWA Initiative – that will continue with additional meeting. This will be an ongoing coordination of services. They are instituting new paradigms for providing services. ICWA Webinar to go onto the GCOAIC website. Judge Mantz is trying to propose legislation to adopt ICWA as part of Georgia law. This will also be an ongoing process.

Announcements:

Wallsmith visited St. Catherine’s to see the excavation of the cemetery that he presented to us in October. Anticipate at least one more field season to complete the excavation. Discussion of DeKalb County Barcade Casino. Daphne ; 175th anniversary of the Trail of Tears, an opportunity to pass a resolution in TN where it passed. She was here to present DVDs to the GA tribes. Working to pass legislation in GA to note the Trail of Tears. She is planning an event to recognize the leaders of the three state tribes in GA and meet with an Irish politician.

Adjourned:

2:45