

that people will give us back our land, we will have to buy it back ourselves. Gaming is only one economic development plan, she thinks we need to diversify and expand. She would like to use gaming revenues to set up endowments, so that we would only use the interest and this would take care of our Tribe financially forever. She would represent her Tribe in all areas. Without a vision the people will perish. 90% of the time Council knows where they are going. She is asking for support.

Mike Darcy said that a couple of years ago he spoke with our Tribal Chairman, she asked him if he had time on his hands do you want to get into something real exciting, and get on tribal council as an appointment. At the time I didn't know how much time that meant. But it has been a very exciting four years that he has been on. He enjoyed being involved in things that would effect our tribe for a long time. The real job of tribal council is that we are the keepers of the vision for our tribe and where we want to be. We are a very young tribe at 29 years. The decisions that we are making in gaming and everything else will effect everybody for many years to come. Gaming to him is an opportunity not the end all. So many times we hear at General Council that there are elders that need roofs, and it only cost \$5,000 but none of our programs will allow us to do that. It is because we are tied so closely with federal rules and regulations, that we can't do what we know is best for elders, children or what ever is the program. Some of the revenues generated from gaming will allow us to make some of our own decisions instead of writing grants or tell someone else why we want to help ourselves. Education to him is very important. We can give percapita, we can give things, but we have to do something for ourselves, we need to educate our kids so that they can do it for themselves. They should not be tied to Tribal revenues. We are growing very rapidly, not just here in Siletz, but all areas. Some of the rules and regulations have tied us very closely, that we have not been able to offer services outside of Lincoln County area. Who says that someone in Hawaii is less in need of a program, than someone in Siletz. In keeping the vision, we have added more people by lowering the blood quantum. So we have more people to serve. We need to keep the vision. Mike issued a challenge to the other candidates to gear to issues they want to see, not what hasn't been done.

Lillie Butler grew up in this area, coming back in 1980. She has tried to take education classes. It is exciting to see the education policy from life to death. Another program is the culture committee that she enjoyed. Her culture background is with the Yurok Tribe. We are getting back the Siletz language. They are meeting with elders during restoration to interview them. She was just appointed to the SIHA board and is just learning this program. The gaming is exciting because of the employment. At one time we required higher degrees, which she is not against, but we have some tribal members who won't go on, this has been an opportunity for these people to be employed. The Elders Council needs to come back and tell us their needs. She has been on council for two terms. If you are chosen, her mother told her that this means you will have to work even harder than you do before. If she is elected, she will put her time into the Tribe.

Geneva Johnson stated that she was born and raised in Siletz. She has worked on the Ad-Hoc Gaming Committee, served on the ICW Committee with good results. She will try to make all the meetings, do what General Council people would like her to and do her best.

Kristi Martin-Bayya grew up in Siletz, moved back in 1981, becoming employed by the Tribe. After some long through, she placed her name back on the ballot this year. The Tribe is growing. When we talk about visions, I see nine visions sitting there and there is over 2000 visions out in the general membership. She things she has a vision. We have assets in our Tribe that we have not taped into, one being our younger generation. We have children going to junior high and high school and going on to higher education, we are not taping into those kids. These kids do not see a future in coming back. She would like to see health issues addressed not just in our service areas. She served on council in the past, she now has a desire to come back to Council. Council was hard work, not easy work and at times not very rewarding, but there were times that it was very rewarding. I have the energy and time to do this now.

Clifford Case was born in Topenish, WA, graduating from Siletz in 1955. He is Siletz and Yacima. When you get away from the reservation per say, out in the world, you learn to really work because time is money. If you work for a company and can't make it, you just don't stay there. He stated that he really believes that the people of this Tribe do not have enough say. The power should be given to the people. He served on the ICW Task force there are a lot of concerns of the Tribe regarding our children. This is a very needy part of our Tribe. The Children are the future. He took an active roll in sports in Washington state. In many Tribes that he encountered through sports, there were recreation sports for their kids. It is a very big priority for them, our children need this. He is now the Elders Chairman. They have elected officers and they want to be heard. Warm Springs Elders have a great program, and Siletz could have one too. They want to attend a conference to find out what resources are available. He is not a politician, just a concerned Tribal Member. He does know what he wants to say and what he wants to do. He appreciates everyone's support.

Bonnie Petersen has been involved with the Tribe since 1983, either working for the programs, serving on the Council, working in administration or on a Court. She has a good background experience in education, cultural knowledge and a personal responsibility. If she gets on she would like to open a cultural center something like Warm Springs, something that is hands on. She feels that the Tribe has all kinds of tools. The big trick is how to motivate people to use those tools, no amount of money in the world can make someone a great parent. I look at my children, I credit the Tribe with their identify. They are individuals. The Tribe has the tools, we are not ignorant, we have been lost for a long time and we can recover from there. She

believes in Tribal recovery. She hopes you will vote for her.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman acknowledged all the runners, feather dancers, drum group, the Fry Family and Little Miss Siletz, Margaret Norton for their participation in the signing ceremony. They received an honorable mention during the awards ceremony. The runners who carried the eagle staff made the celebration what it was.

A task force was formed, Bensell Breon, Delores Pigsley and Jessie Davis to look into having a paid full time Tribal Council. As they move along, General membership comments are greatly appreciated. They do not have all the answers but are looking for solutions. We belong to many organizations like NCAI, ATNI, NIGA these are very important to be involved with. We will make recommendations to salaries, travel, etc.

The Chairman reminded everyone to vote for the Senate seat. Oregon Tribes need to look at someone who will vote for tribal issues. Ron Wyden, Peter DeFasio and Gorton Smith are good candidates. We are not endorsing any candidate. We will be active in supporting a candidate that is sensitive to Indian and Tribal Issues. We will be discussing this with other Tribes in Oregon.

The Tribal Council met with the governor last Friday. The issues that were raised were Land Acquisition and O&C lands. He was interested in the businesses of the Tribe and the Siletz Community Health Clinic.

Lillie, Rosemary and Dee attended NCAI. Ron Allen is the new Chairman of NCAI. Secretary Bruce Babbit attended. The number one question was in regard to appropriations. Indian Health will be the least cut, but other programs will be effected. They attended all of the general meetings. The NCAI will be re-organizing and forming a Council on Aging. There were many elders in attendance from Gila River. They had a big Pow Wow, it was a long week but very informative. Lillie indicated that there were 164 tribes represented. Dee was honored at a luncheon, as one of those women in Tribal Government.

Bensell said that in support of voting it has been proven that our votes count, with SB61 in Oregon State. Slate Gordon stated that us Indians have all this government welfare, you do not need anything, and some said that it is his goal to terminate Indians. It is very important to vote in the State elections and also the Tribal Elections.

Jessie and Dee met with Kenny Rogers when they were in San Diego, he has been booked for a June appearance at Chinook Winds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a Veterans Day Celebration in the Siletz Gym on November 9th. Oregon Tribes will meet in November. Jessie reminded everyone about the Restoration Pow Wow, November 18th. On that same day we will have the opening of the new administrative office at 10:00 a.m. and lunch up on the hill. The mini Pow Wow will be the 17th in the Siletz Gym.

Adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

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