

REPORT OF THE BROTHERTOWN TRIBAL COUNCIL
Quarterly report
March 22, 1993

Dear Brothertown Member:

The Council voted to notify each member of the upcoming election plus the Calendar for the year which was inadvertently overlooked in our last notice in December. The tribe requests an annual \$10.00 donation of all families. The donation places your family's name on the tribal mailing list for one year. Contributions insure operational soundness and provide monies for the expenses incurred in the process to gain Federal recognition.

ADDRESSES:

We wish to remind you to provide us with your current address. Many people have moved in the last five years and we cannot locate them. If you know of any family members who have changed their address, please provide us with the information.

FINANCES:

We are still accepting donations toward an office in Brothertown. The Council has set aside the idea of purchasing a house in Brothertown. The reasoning being no room for expansion, and no room for parking. The idea came up to purchase 3-5 acres of land on the original reservation, putting up a pole building, opening our office and eventually add on for a community building, then we have our office, meeting room and to be able to hold our picnic and homecoming on our own property. We could also open a bingo hall, NOT A CASINO, to help defray some of our expenses toward becoming acknowledged and being self-sufficient.

MAY ELECTIONS:

Elections will be held May 15, 1993 at the Fond du Lac Labor Hall on Bank Street. The ballot includes the following: Vice-Chairman-3 years, Treasurer 3 years, and three Council Persons for 2-year terms. Qualified voters must be enrolled members at least 18 years of age. Those unable to attend the meeting can vote by absentee ballot. INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM BONNIE HAUMAN, P.O.Box 34, Leopolis, Wi 54948. Individual request, signed only, and must include a self-addressed stamped envelope. One request per envelope and mailed on or before May 1, 1993.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

Bonnie Hauman, Sunshine Committee, would like to remind you to send her a notice in the event of illness or death of a member. (P.O. Box 34, Leopolis, Wi, 54948)

1993 CALENDAR:

Council meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00A.M.
General meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 1:30 P.M.

March 20,	10:A.M.	Labor Hall, Bank Street, Fond du Lac,
May 16	10A.M.	Council--Labor Hall Fond du Lac, Wi
	1:30 P.M.	General election, Labor Hall, Fond du Lac, Wi
June 20	10:A.M.	Council--Labor Hall, Fond du Lac, Wi
July 18	10:A.M.	Council Calumet County Park, Stockbridge, Wi
	10 A.M.	All members registration for annual picnic
August 15	10 A.M.	Council--American Legion Hall, Gresham, Wi
	1:30 P.M.	General Meeting
September 19	10A.M.	Council--Labor Hall, Fond du Lac, Wi
October 16	10A.M.	Council--Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac, Wi.

1:30 P.M. General Meeting

1993 CALENDAR (continued)

November 21 10A.M. Council Labor Hall-Fond du Lac, wi,

NOMINATIONS: Request your absentee ballot if interested. The list of candidates follow:

Vice Chairman

Phyllis Mattern (unopposed)

Retired from Kimberly-Clark after 40 years of service. Served on Council 6 years, presently Enrollment Chair.

Treasurer

Leo Tousey (unopposed)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vote for 3

Michael Pelky

My family ancestry goes back to Solomon cochegan. In the past I served on the nominating committee, assisted with enrollment documentation and have, with my wife, done tribal history research. I would like to help the Brothertown people become a recognized Tribe again.

Renee Sheppard

I would like to be considered for a seat on the Council. I have been involved with the tribe for the last five years. I have been on the nomination, and planning committee. I ran last year and tied with Cy Welch. I feel that I can make an important contribution to my Tribe.

Cy Welch

Have been on the Council for the past 6 years. Have a BD and BA degree, in the ministry for the past 50 years and now serve a Christian Church in Madison, Wisconsin

Platt Welch

Former Council member for 8 years. The only member who lives on the original Brothertown Reservation. Member of the Brothertown Board of Commissioners.

George Wentz

Age 50, married, six children, graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran High School (Electronics Engineering Technology-Industrial) Served in US Air Force 1960-1964. I want to accept the challenge of being a leader and serving on the Brothertown Tribal Council to serve the Tribe and its interests.

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BROTHERTOWN QUARTERLY REPORT
ALSO
ANNUAL PICNIC INFORMATION

The 1993 elction was held May 15, 1993 and the newly elected Council members are as follows.

Vice Chairperson: Phyllis Mattern
Treasurer: Leo Tousey

Council Members
Renee Sheppard
Cy Welch
Platt Welch

Congradulations to you all!! I know we are all looking forward to working together. We want to publicly thank Mike Pelky and George Wentz for having their names on the ballot. And to thank Ted Stephenson for his help and assistance during his term on the Council. Thank you.

BROTHERTOWN CONTACT LISTING

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AV2848 Witches Lake rd
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(715) 542-3913

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SECRETARY

Bonnie Hauman
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TREASURER

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(414) 921-2244

Irene Shady
44 N. Marcoe
N. Fond du Lac, wi
54935
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Renee Sheppard
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Cy Welch
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Platt Welch
W4634 Cty. Hy. H
Chilton, Wi, 53014
(414) 849-4875

ENROLLMENT

Phyllis Mattern
(see above)

Thanks to all who were interested and used your right by taking part in the election and voted. We all appreciate your support. We will all do our best to further our tribe in becoming acknowledged as a federally recognized tribe. Your interest AND your attendance is very important as being really interested in becoming a federally recognized tribe. Attendance is one of the items the government looks into when reviewing our case. Physical support not only monetary support.

Our meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of each month. General meetings dates are July 17, August 21, October 16. council meetings are the rest of the months. To correct the mistake made in the last report. Sorry!

The council is presently waiting to hear from the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) attorney to inform us if and when he hears from the Solicitors office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) office in answer to his letter asking for acknowledgment for our tribe to be federally recognized.

VanBarCot (VBC) and NARF are working closely with us in helping to get necessary documents needed when we get an answer from the Solicitor's office. If we have not been terminated we can go ahead with all our plans of opening our office and put the land in trust. If we were terminated, we will have to present a bill to Congress for them to act upon, but still open our office and continue with our plans. But not put the land in trust at this time.

We have \$10,000 in our building account. Thank you all who contributed and if you haven't been able to contribute as yet, we are accepting donations any time. The more donated the less we will need for a loan. We are looking for land but seems to be a scarce commodity in Brothertown township. Platt Welch, who lives in Chilton, is keeping his eyes open, and his ears, in regard to sale of property.

A grant for \$20,000 has been written by VBC to help us with our finances, from the Methodist Church of Washington, DC. Don't know the outcome of that but will keep you posted. I can imagine there are a good many applicants seeking the same amount.

You know, one of the facts that will help Congress and convince the government believe that we are really interested in being acknowledged as a federally recognized Indian Tribe, is your being in attendance to our meetings, picnics and homecoming. If just a few members, and the same few members attend, that doesn't say much for our tribe. Try to make arrangements to be in attendance some of the time. Lets show the ~~government~~ we are ALL interested in our heritage and want to be acknowledged as an Indian Tribe and go back to our roots and really mean it.

The annual picnic is July 19th this year, at Calument County Park. WE always have a great time. And it helps to bring us closer together and maybe meet some of our relatives.

BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION PICNIC

WHERE Calumet County Park-Ski Lodge lower level-beyond office

WHEN Sat. July 17, 1993
10a.m. to 5 p.m. or supper

REGISTRATION: Starts at 10 am

FEES : \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 for family of five or more
(must be immediate family)

WHAT TO BRING: Utensils, plates, cups
soda, iced tea, sandwich if you like

DISH TO PASS: SUGGESTIONS: casseroles, meat loaf, ham, chicken,
fruit, vegetables, dips, salads (fruit, vegetable,
potato) baked beans, pie, cake desserts

OUT OF TOWNERS: Those who travel a great distance, SUGGESTIONS:
olives, pickles, dinner rolls, cookies, cake,
snack crax, cheese, watermelon. GRILLS NOT
AVAILABLE. YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN

COFFEE AND MILK TO BE PROVIDED.

CAMPING FACILITIES: Calumet County Park--FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED
BASIS. NO RESERVATIONS

MOTELS: Make reservations early. Motel 6, Super 8, Travelers Inn
Dartmoor, Friendship Inn, Northway Motel.

ACTIVITIES

REGISTRATION: 10a.m - to noon

GENERAL MEETING 11:00 A.M. to noon (approximately)

LUNCH: 12:30 p.m

CRAFT SALE If you have made any handicrafts and wish to donate
to the Brothertown Nation to sell, please feel
free to do so. NO RUMMAGE

RAFFLE

ENTERTAINMENT: ELEPHANT BINGO (everyone in attendance are to bring
some thing they have around the house, old,new,
something no longer wanted or needed, serious--
foolish) A boy brings for a boy; a girl for a girl;
a man for a man; a woman for a woman; wrapped in
newspaper and mark with BOY, GIRL, MAN or WOMAN. These
will be the prizes for bingo.
Cards will be available.

MYSTERY: All children under 15 years of age are asked to
bring a grocery bag of ALUMINUM CANS. See what the
mystery is.

GAMES For Children and adults.

CALUMET COUNTY PARK is in Stockbridge, Wi., (not the reservation)
on Highway 55. Watch for signs.

FUN FOR ALL!!

Any questions contact Mabel Pownell (414)324-5476 or June Ezold
(751)542-3913

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BY JULY 1, 1993

Name _____ Number of Adults _____
Address _____ Number of Children _____
City _____ Dish I will bring _____

Return to: Mabel Pownell
502 Morse St
Waupun, Wi, 53963 (414) 324-5476

Make Checks Payable to BROTHERTOWN INDIANS OF WISCONSIN



BROTHERTOWN
INDIANS *of Wisconsin*

September 17, 1993

Hi:

It just doesn't seem possible but Labor Day has come and gone and now on to our Homecoming and then winter. Time certainly waits for not one, it just whizzes by.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that was received from NARF in regard to an answer from BIA that we have been trying to get an answer for some time. Now we fee we can move forward again. Our next steps are: looking diligently for land; try to see what Governor Thompson's feeling will be towards and Indian Tribe to have a Class II gaming compact, (bingo), not a casino, and receiving help with consultants to guide us as to the steps needed to send in our petition to be reviewed by BAR.

To date we have heard from a good number of you in regard to donations toward purchasing land, building an office, museum and bingo hall. If you name is not among those who contributed, and you know who you are, you can still send your deductible contribution to Mr. Leo Tousey, 2248 E. Sandy Acres Rd., West Bend, Wi. 53095. To date we have approximately \$10,000 towards the buiding fund. We need much more than that to purchase land and build an office. Let's make a diligent effort to help with these plans for helping to realize our dream of being Self-sufficient. How about have a fund raiser in you neighborhood of area and donate what you have made to the tribe? Just a suggestion. One tribe raised money for their goal by raising a garden and selling the produce and donating it to the tribe. Today they are a recognized tribe and are up and going. In fact they now have the largest and most money making casino in the Western Hemisphere. It can be done.

I want to thank all who sent cards and your prayers when Carl passed away. It was a great comfort to receive the messages of your sympany, and the memories you have of Carl. Thank you so very much.

Attached also, is a notice of the upcoming Homecoming October 16, in Fond du Lac at Hamilton Building at Sophia and Forest Aves. PLease send in your reservation by October 3, so we will know how many to plan for.

Phyllis Mattern and myself will be attending a history conference being sponsored by the Mashantucket-Pequot tribal offices at Mystic Connecticut.

ANNUAL BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION HOMECOMING

WHERE; Hamilton Bldg. Forest Ave & Sophis, Fond du Lac, Wi
WHEN: October 16, 1993
Registration begins at 10:00 A.M.
FEES: \$1.00/person \$5.00/family of 5 or more (immediate family)
WHAT TO BRING: Utensils, cups, plates, soda and sandwish if you like
DISH TO PASS: Cold cuts, chicken, ham, dips, chips,
salads (fruit, vegetable, potato) cookies, pies,
cake desserts
OUT OF TOWNERS: Thosewho travel a great distance,
suggestions; relishes, cookies, dinner rolls
MILK AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED.

ACTIVITIES

REGISTRATION--10:a.m. to noon

GENERAL MEETING--11 A.M. to noon

LUNCH: 12;30 P.M.

CRAFT RAFFLE: If you have a company donation or any craft you
wish to donate

Children will do crafts during general meeting

CALLING ALL BRAVES & SQUAWS-----

Looking for Strong Braves to compete in archery games;
Cash prize for most skilled

Squaws--Compete in best native dish,
Kitchen prize for tastiest dish-BRING RECIPE

Judges will be all in attendence, so get those cook books open

ELEPHANT BINGO--Bring a prize to play

CHILDREN CAN FISH AT OUR FISHING BOOTH

RSVP BY October 3, 1993

Any questions Please call Ann Walters-(414) 334-0291

Jackie Wilson (414) 626=2681

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BY OCT. 3, 1993

Name _____ No. of Adults _____

Address _____ No. of children _____

City _____ Dish I will bring _____

Return to: Ann Wilson
2248 E. Sandy Acres Rd.
West Bend, Wi, 53095

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DECEMBER 1993

The Brothertown Council is putting in a lot of time and working hard towards acknowledgement by the Federal government. Some of the projects we have been doing follows:

CONFERENCE:

Phyllis Mattern and June Ezold attended a history conference in Mystic, Connecticut presented by the Mashantucket-Pequot tribe, in the area where our ancestors were settled before moving to Brothertown, New York and then on to Wisconsin. It was an honor and a good feeling to represent the Brothertowners and it seemed so many people out east knew about the Brothertowns. Anthropologists, historians, librarians knew we were in Wisconsin, but did not follow up on their research but they claim they will all visit us and further their research now. As I said, it was an honor and so thrilling to be able to represent the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin. We met several influential people and hope that telling our story will help us become acknowledged.

LAND ACQUISITION:

While we were at the history conference a letter was received in answer to ~~and~~ placed a week before in the Appleton Post Crescent and Chilton Times. It was sent by a farmer with an 80 acre farm for sale in Brothertown on Hy. 151 with buildings, land and an acre of woods. Asking \$190,000 for all but very negotiable. We could purchase the buildings and 20 acres; or buildings and 40 acres; or buildings, or land. The land is presently in Farmland Preservation, meaning that the government is paying the owner for his not planting the tillable land, but that can be worked out. I don't know if we would be interested in planting the fields, but who knows.

Before we can come up with an answer, there are several steps we must take before making any decisions. We must meet with the Governor, for one thing. We are working on setting up an appointment. Then we must figure out what can be purchased, what we can do to keep the office going, and what we can do to keep raising the money needed to run the whole operation. By the way, this farm abuts the Union Cemetery in Brothertown where Brothertowners are buried, and the farm is located on some of the original reservation land. Will keep you informed of what transpires within the next few months.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

The committee has been having special meetings to bring the rolls up to date for the petition for acknowledgement. Remember, the rolls will close December 31st, 1993, until further notice. Then it was decided that with all the work, time and processing involved there will be a \$10.00 fee for each application to be processed for those interested after December 31, 1993. We find the Council members are running short of their own funds that they have been donating for this chore. We must ask for assistance now.

Caroline Andler has been appointed as the Tribal genealogist. She is presently on the enrollment committee and has accepted the appointment in addition to her other duties. She has been working on genealogy, not only for her own family but for others as well.

We know she will do a tremendous job. Thank you, Caroline for accepting this responsibility.

GRANT:

We just received notice from the Methodist Church grant that was presented in July. WE were refused funding.

We will be presenting a grant to Administration for Native Americans. The deadline is February 22, 1994. VanBarCot will be assisting us on this project.

WHAT WE ARE DOING:

Phyllis Mattern and June Ezold will be attending a forum on Sovereignty at Stevens Point November 30-December 2. There will be leaders and speakers from Tribal, State, and federal government levels. We feel this is another way of spreading our message to as many people in Wisconsin who will listen.

We are still working with Craig Cottrell and Grace Wills of the VANBarCot organization in our efforts to become acknowledged. The help and guidance we are getting from them has been unbelievable.

Platt Welch, a council member, has informed the Council he would like to step down from being active on the Council as he will be having surgery on one of his knees and maybe he wont be able to attend all of the meetings. He will continue as a member of the Council as a Commissioner and will be the land liason person for the tribe. He is located in Chilton and can be a big help to our tribe.

The Council is working on a project to be represented at the January Fest (like a winter pow-wow) in Milwaukee at Mecca January 22-23. Some of our members are donating crafts to be sold and the money donated to the tribe. Received a call from one of our members who is sending silk prints to be sold for raising money for the tribe. Just another way of raising funds to help with our building fund. Renee Sheppard and her family will be helping to man the booth. If you have any ideas in any way to help and want to be included let a council member know. Please feel free to volunteer.

Completed an application to be sent to the U.S Wildlife organization for the tribe to receive Eagle feathers to be used for special ceremonies and occasions. Of course, there is a waiting list but we will be on it.

WHERE WE ARE NOW:

The petition written by Dr. Campisi is being reviewed by a couple of experienced people. They have assisted other tribes with their petition. There will be a fee for their time, of course, but it will be money well spent. We will then see where we have weak spots in the petition and where we will have to do some more research and work. One thing we know we need is we have a gap of 40 years, from 1930 to 1970, of anyone getting together as a tribal entity or members of Brothertown families. If anyone, member of the tribe, received any service from BIA during those years or any

get together, such as a party, picnic, meeting, etc, with other Brothertowners, please let us hear from you. It is so very important.

THANK YOU:

We want to take this opportunity to thank each of you whom donated towards the building fund and have also paid your annual fee to help defray some of the expenses for administration. Without your help we could not be doing what we are doing at the present time. Every bit helps and we are appreciative of your response. The building fund is still open to receive donations. Send any donations to Leo Tousey, TREASURER:

In the future we will be needing carpenters, plumbers, electricians landscapers, and workers to help us after our land acquisition. Please let us know what your talents are and where we can reach you when needed. WE NEED YOU:

A Blessed Christmas to you and your family and a happy and healthy New Year. Let's hope this is the year we will be a bit closer to becoming a sovereign entity, a federally recognized tribe. Why not make a New Year's resolution to come to our meetings next year, if at all possible. You know, that is one of the criteria in the petition, the attendance at your tribal meetings. How many attend and how many.

The dates of the meetings for 1994 are as follows:

FEBRUARY 19-- ELECTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE-- LABOR HALL IN FOND du LAC.

MARCH 19-- REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (TO BE ELECTED, CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, AND 2 COUNCIL MEMBERS)

MAY 21--- ELECTIONS

July 16-- PICNIC--CALUMET COUNTY PARK-- STOCKBRIDGE

AUGUST 20-- GRESHAM GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 15-- HOME COMING-- FOND DU LAC, HAMILTON BUILDING

The Council meets every 3rd Saturday of each month at the Labor Hall Fond du Lac except July, August, and October when they will meet at the announced meeting places for general meetings.

REMEMBER:-

If you have moved or if you know of anyone of our other members who have moved, please, please keep us informed of the new address. There are times when we must get in touch with each and every enrolled member. So keep us informed of any new addresses.

Just a quick explanation about our new logo. The 7 feathers represent the 7 communities where the Brothertown came from, then in the Eagle with his wings spread is the calumet and spear which made up our original logo what we had, and we would like to have the turquoise as our color.

This is the last Quarterly report you will be receiving. If you would like to receive it for another year and help the Brothertown Tribe pay for other expenses as you did in the past. Please send in your \$10.00 to: Leo Tousey 2248 E. Sandy Acres Rd. West Bend, Wi. 53095