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CAC MONEY PROBLEMS,  
FEELINGS ABOUT CHANGING  
THE MEETING MEMBERSHIP  
AND FREQUENCY

It is still a question that has been asked here with part of the money, 12 meetings per month and 5 members and \$10 for member meeting at 12 months at a time. It will take about \$1,200.00 per chapter per year that is available to the CAC who used to help pay for local project. There was another question that I have to answer, a two month's term and 5 members, \$10 per meeting, 12 months. What would the CAC decide in that kind of a money problem as the chapter officer are getting \$30 per meeting in every meeting they have? So, the problem between the CAC at \$10 per meeting, what would they suggest or would it be available to them about that much money. We will go on for our discussion. Two meetings per month...as we all know that the chapter program has two meetings a month we would wonder if the CAC would be agreeable to act with amount of work that would be set up. As in a way of all these things that we are talking about, it's got to go into Washington, D. C. as possible. So, it's up to us to get on the ball and see what would be the question. Years ago at Crownpoint Agency there was a program set up for the Navajo people but this was the time when they never did get paid for it and the

people decided that the pay will never hurt us. It is for the use of our people. So, let's think about that. How far can we go with the meet? The right answer on this program where the CAC must meet twice a month there would be the same with the chapter office district is okay by the...

Mr. Roger Davis...question...As the Community Action Committee has discussed this over at Kaibito meeting I think we will still follow the same problem as there would be no different between the chapter and the CAC. So, I should think that the CAC should meet twice a week with pay and between it's up to them if they want to held a another meeting, it's up to them, but during the same year that all of you members ought to think this over with your people. As we go along we will follow the program that is set up. As we are now going along with our discussion the next that we say will be two month meeting per month. So in two month meeting per month is just like the Chapter Officers' meeting. The people of different chapters has came to the point of the two meetings per month at Kaibito so that's the way it's been setup. If it's okay by you, you can say so, but I didn't mean or say that for you to follow such orders as it is made here at Kaibito and as I have told you that if it's not agreeable to you, say the answer. I think myself, that the way it is on the paper

here as it is two meetings per month like the chapter officer has in their meeting, they have two meeting per month. So, if it's okay by you, we will make a note of it, we'll make a vote for it.

Mr. Roy Sanders...I think it's been discussed right because if we want to cooperate with the chapter we like it as it is, it says two meeting per month. The chapter has it two meeting per month. So, if the CAC has it 3 times a meeting it will be changing everything, chapter is having two meetings per month. If they go along together it will be discussed right. So, I make a motion to have it two a month. The motion is on so who is in favor? There is about 31 in favor of two a month so it will be two a month. Next will be how many CAC should be there in the member. You have today about 12 members up to 10 so whatever you discuss it says here in the paper that how it is being discussed at Kaibito, says five member should be enough on the odd number and then there should be one trader or teacher or a missionary so that will probably make another number, but still we have a councilman and that we'll have an odd number. That's what the CAC and the chapter officer brought up at Kaibito during the meeting over there. So, I think they have the right problem so if there is any change you want to make in the CAC mind you're welcome to say so. We are going faster on our number

because things are getting short. So, I like to say that in my line which is a correction on the member is 5 as far as how it is being made during the time of the community meeting. So, I'm going to make a motion that 5, the way it is would be much better. Frank White is the second motion. Now I would like to see the vote. There is about 31 in favor of the motion so there would be about 5 CAC members to be held up. There is more problem here about the payment. Would you agree with \$10 per month? There is another question. The...so that there will be the next thing that would be fixed would be the \$10 per month which the CAC agreed will...

Mr. Mason...I'm not a CAC member but then I just want to make a little outline for this problem that during the CAC meeting will be just the CAC itself. They don't have meetings like we do, they just discuss things among themselves so I think that just for a short period of time, sometimes they meet over 2 hours or 2 and 1/2 hours. So, I think they would make agreeable but then don't count my word for it because I might spoil the whole thing up. So, like I said that the CAC will be all right by if they think it's right. So, this is what I think of the problem that you have. just mention.

Mrs. Martha King or Mrs. Martha R. Henry...I think like Mr. Mason says would be agreeable to us, there is just only

5 of us in the member now so I'll make a motion for the \$10 per meeting as Mr. Sanders second motion. So, we are in favor of this motion. There was about 31 again in favor of \$10, non against... I think that's the 3 problem is settled and discussed and it says here member per meeting, 12 month per meeting well, it's already settled, if we need, if we make agreement of 2 per month that's 12...and then it says \$1,200.00 per year, that will be agreeable to the CAC to help the local project. So, that is settled as we know so we will go on...with the next problem. There is another saying here, it says within a short time, perhaps in 2 years no money will be available to pay the CAC. What will we do when this happens? So, that's another question. If the ONEO would run, say about at least two good years in the ONEO runs out of money will the CAC project will it stop or what do you think? You think that the CAC will go on or will they stop because of the payment? What do you suggest on this problem? What would the CAC do without pay? Some says at Kaibito that if it stops in about 2 years time we will be continuing on as we are as a community action and keep discussion about such a problem without pay. This is what most of them have in mind and the discussion at Kaibito was among the CAC from different parts of the reservation were agreeable with them by having the CAC moving on without pay and most of them were in favor without

pay because it's their help, it's their help. As we know in the older days, it says that sometime we didn't have no CAC in these days but the chapter officers run the chapter without pay for 2 years. It didn't hurt them, they went on with their chapter officer so they think it would be alot better for the CAC keep moving because it's for them, it's for the younger generation. Later on, if it grows out bigger and bigger they will remember all these things as they have to do anything they can to help each other without pay. So, that was the question that was brought up at Kaibito. Now, I want you to decide which is the answer to that question. The question is that if the money that is being budget for the CAC, if it runs out in two years what would be done about it? Will you just forget the CAC or you want to keep going on the CAC without no cost? So, this is the answer I'd like to know and then that will be another problem to be settled.

Mr....Mrs. Rafael...Mary Rafael. I think in my suggestion about the 2 years run out that you have been telling each other that way back in the earliest days they say they never did have any money for such a thing as chapter officers or councilmen. Alot of other things, leadership members, we didn't have no money for that program. We usually ...our old forefather used to run things without cost and so I should say that perhaps in two years the money will

run out. I think that we should be keep going on without no cost because we have enough experience of doing such a thing as in the leadership. Way back in the early days back in centuries, people in that time of the year, they never ask for no cost from the great kiva. They have discussed things without no cost. They talk about things they were not paid for so there was nothing wrong...they kept it up till they run out of things I think, or I don't know how they run it but anyway the story was that they run things without no cost. So, I think we should do the same thing. If the money runs out in the two year's limit, two year's time we will be able to keep it going as we all say that we will work together, pull together and fight together as this is for our young generation. What would they use further on? Even if their money was run out they can keep things going in their way. As we all know that it would be the best idea for us people and I will not make a motion without no cost. If we run out of money we will be keep going because this is for our young generation and this is for our own old people. Second motion, ? House...the vote 33 in favor. So, I think we have that settled too, we will run things without no cost if we ever run out of money. So, that is another problem settled. We have 3 more problem to go on so there is another problem on #4. On the fourth is the guide line that has been

printed or only suggestion when it is your right and obligation to adopt these guide line as printed or to change them. What would be the answer? The guide line that has been printed...I would say that the rights of our obligation or to change them, that means things that we have made as for our rights and so forth, things that we have set up as program, things that we discussing has been run in order. Will we change that if we want to? As I would say that I don't see anything to be changed as in the way that things have been settled that is made to order. I don't think it be right to have change it around...we would be best to leave it the way it is. As a change, a man will be started from the first start again and it will take time to reach up to the top again. So, that will be a job to have as you CAC members and chapter officer can think about and see what would be the difference between a change and keep it the way it is...what is the question there about the change? It would be the same old question, the same old thing to start on again, this is the way I look at it. So, I'll say this much and I'll have no other chance to talk again. So, I want your thinking and saying if there is anything you want to say. So, I'll say this much.

Mr. Roy Gibson has stand up so I think he'll have to give him a chance, Mr. Gibson...chapter office, vice chairman, secretary, the councilors, and the visitors, I'm very



thankful to have a little opportunity here to say a little word. As I been listening I try to think what would be the best problem to say. So, while I'm remembering things I thought I could say a little thing that might fit you. In the time 1957 things were lot different than today. I was chapter officer then from Smith Lake area. I been elected two or three time so now there is alot of things wrong with me that my eyes is bothering me which I can't see too far. That's the only reason that I'm not entitled to be a chapter officer no more because of my health. As you all know, I used to be happy in a matter like this, discussing problem keeping them in order that was in my early day. I was just thinking or wanted to tell you that we try that changing in my days. We used to change chapter officer around every once in a while before they reach a year or two years. We had an awful time of getting along with other program in those days. One learns a little about things and then the other people start to talk about it. They say that he's not doing right, we don't like him, get him off the chair. This is how we went too in the earliest days. It meant it didn't work so good changing and changing, it didn't took us nowhere. All we have done was talk against each other about every little problem. We stayed on one place, we never did went far, but I was the head of the chapter all the way through. From my vice-chairman on

down to secretary we would be changing around. Finally, I think people got tired about it or else they have found that keep changing around didn't done nothing at all. So, that was it. We just forgot the changing and we been talking about that, it has done us no good. People got to find out things that is not doing their job, talking against each other. So, we just end it there. When we end the changing we found out that things went right, we found out that we was doing wrong, we was not getting nowhere. So, then we had better ways of everything after we forgot the changing. So, this is what I wanted to tell you that we didn't help. This is all I want for you people to know what it means. There is alot of things you could find about if you want to understanding change, changing and changing it doesn't look good. We always been losing. Something good comes up, the new one don't know what to do so that's the only reason I'm telling you this what it meant. So, now you can think about it. Later on, I want another chance. So I'm not motioning about the change, but I want for you to get an idea what it is so you can go on and talk about it and see which one you could decide and then that could help. So, now my friends, it's up to you whichever you want to decide to do. I might go along. So, I thank you for the little opportunity I got to say my say...

Mr. Mason...I thank you, Mr. Gibson, for the things that you have told the community about the change. So, there is anybody has another question? If you do, I want you to decide first before you make any motion you can either motion for the change or not to be changed.

Mr. Jim Charlie...Mr. Jim Charlie is a chapter vice-chairman from Smith Lake Chapter. Mr. Jim Charlie...Chairman and the vice-chairman and the secretary and the councilman, Mr. Rafael and the people of the chapter community, I say a big hullo to you all. I am glad to have a little opportunity here to see or say what I want. And I know that it is a problem as you all want to discuss about things, it is a various good way for us people to do. We want to solve alot of problems and decide which is the best to do. So, I think the same way like Mr. Gibson has just said is the problem we are on now. I have think the same way like Mr. Gibson says, that I think we should keep it the way it is. We don't want to change nothing on the program or anything else that we are on...today's program. It is right that if you keep changing things on problem some time it might go the wrong direction, might put us in trouble. So, as you all say that it would be best not to change, keep it the way it is, that is what Mr. Gibson just said. We don't want any change at all. There are alot of things to think about in its way. Problems are hard to change. If you

happen to get on the best good problem and started to change you don't look nice. In the first place, it means that we don't want the first leader argue that don't look good to people. So, I suggest that it be kept the way it is, we don't want no change, we want everything legal. As a notary republic says when he stamps his papers, it's legal, that's the way we want it. So, I am for not changing, I haven't motion yet.

Mrs. Francis Charlie...chairman, vice chairman and secretary and the councilman and the visitors and the listeners, I say hullo to you all. It looks like that this very little change what we are talking about in guide line of a change...it keeps on discussing we'll never get nowhere. There are about 4 or 5 man has claim one line of the problem that they don't want a change so let us all get together and be on one line. I have just thought the same thing, I don't want a change on anything, like to keep it the way it is...we might...if we go changing around it might lead us into the wrong track so I'm going to make a motion saying that I don't want...we don't want no change. I motion to keep it the way it is...second motion Leo House. The vote...there is about 34 in favor, none against.

Well, Mr. Mason, the chairman...well, I think that is settled now again so is there any question? Well, we go on to the next problem which says ways to solve community

problem. What resource are available to CAC in solving all community problem? People can be resource, ideas, discussion, planning, action. So, the word is that ways to solve all community problem that means what is a solving problem. There it says ideas discussion, planning, action, there are 4 words that we have got to answer. Which is the word-ideas or discussion, planning or action?...

Mr. Rafael, the councilman...chairman, vice chairman, secretary, community worker, the CAC, chapter officer, the listeners...I like to thank you all for what problem you been discussing for quite a long time. I been listening for every words that you are discussing...in a way, all of these that has been brought up to you from the time of Crownpoint, CAC, group discussion and up to Kaibito meeting and different meetings that you have had in through the past month. As far as I know that I think you people are learning very hard about all such problem that has been brought to you to talk about. So, I been in my council seat for 8 years now and I know such a problem as you have mention here ideas, discussion, planning and action. I don't want to tell you which one is which but I want you to decide yourself because you are on the program to discuss this over. I just want to say and tell you that you are doing very, very fine with your discussion plan here to see if this little sheet of paper that's been set up at

Kaibito is the right paper and the right discussion. So, as I say and been listening very carefully that you people are doing the right problem the right thing. Your chapter houses and your chapter community has elelct you for to do all of these talking and discussion through the chapter house. As I would say that you are very much of a planning that you are on now as I like to say that there is nothing wrong about it...you are doing just very fine. I just want to give you a great thanks for what you are doing right now, so you are on the right track. I thank you I might have another chance later on.

Mr. Mason, the chairman...I thank you, Mr. Rafael for what you have thought about us, and what you think that we are doing was on the right track. So, we'll be keep discussing what we got on the slip here for you to take back to Window Rock.

Mr. Charlie Begay...the people of the community, chairman, and the vice-chairman, I thank you all for the little opportunity that has given to me. I just want to say a little. I'm not a very good talker yet, I just enter this CAC member not too long ago, so everything is new to me. I just want to say a big hullo to you and I might get a little idea on this forwards-ideas and discussion, planning and action. It looks to me that the 3 words is all the same...like we been telling each other how things started

out not only in this community, it's been doing all over the United States, Washington, the big headquarter of the United States, the capitol. It's got all these things that have ideas and they have discussion, they have different plan and they have action. I think the four words works together as I might say that when you thinking about something in a various way that you are placing your ideas to work...that's the first question, and then you might enter something else with a group of people and discuss problems with them. Sometime you discuss things the various way, the various meaning of what you are talking about at that discussion...that goes with the idea. Further on, after discussion you can plan what to do, you are deciding what to do in your plan...it also works with the discussion and ideas, this is the way I look at it. Further on, after these 3 has been ideas and discussion and planning...when they all grow into together and then you act, you give the work ideas. What you have discuss and what you have plan, you put these 3 together and give them an action. So, I think the 3, I mean the 4 problem works together. People can be resource as grouping together in a resource what makes it strong. When you give an idea and give a discussion and then work your plan on it, that makes it strong, that makes it don't move around. You got it all in one ball, the three put together. And then you act, you work

on it, you work and see what it does and what comes out in action. You might plan to build a house, first you give the idea and then discuss it with your family or your children that you want to build a house. The discussion plan works in together and then on the other hand it needs action, it needs work. So, this is what I say that the four works together and then you start to build your house the way you discuss and the way you plan and the way in the first place you give the idea to your family. So, this is what it is idea, discussion, planning, action they are all in one piece. Here when you give the action the house is up, keep on giving ideas and talk about discuss things what else it needs, windows, doors, floors, anything you discuss about, talk about, its need for the building and then you plan what kind of a plan you want and then you give your action...this is the way it works together. Sometime it makes me think I've got a little bunch of cattle. Sometime, often, some cattle don't go to water, they just graze one place round and round. Finally, the cattle get thirsty but they don't know which way to turn, they don't know where the water is. They don't know where the road goes to lead to water. Here, you have to go and drive them down to the water and when they see the water they fill up with water and they feel better then and then, that's why you give action to work on them, you



drive them to water and give them water, you're acting on your cattle. Sometime it makes me think such a problem like that...and then sometime during the nighttime you might be thinking of something that would interest you, you might think to build a new corral or a new sheep camp, anything you think about is new, you're planning to do it. And then you discuss it with your children and then you plan what is next to be done and then you give action. So, these 4 words works together. I've been thinking right along as we go along there is alot of problems that when you think it, it is easy to be done if you have the right idea...it's easy to be done. So, as I say that I think you have a very good understanding what I mean and what I have said about ideas, discussing, planning, and action, they all are in one piece. So, I don't think we could talk about no farther so I'm going to make a motion of it as that ideas, duscission, planning and action, they all work together. Second motion is Martha K. Henry. Martha King Henry is second motion. The vote...there is about 21 in favor. So, the ideas, discussion, planning and action works together in this fourth question. So, I been...we been going fine so far.

Mr. Mason, the chairman...I thank you very much for the information that you just mention, Mr. Begay, Charlie Begay and we all think about the same problem, we all work

together. So, I think that we go on with the next problem,  
which is #5 and I now thank you very much again Mr.  
Charlie...

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