January 12, 2016 O.L.I.C. Meeting Minutes

Members present: Teresa Gunter, Theresa Jordan, Priscilla Smith

Members excused: Faron Jackson, Orville Johnson, Maggi Jordan

Others present: Liz Aitken, Kay Jackson, Sharon Raisch/Jackson, Denise Ellis, Natalie Bueno, Roniee Godfrey, Robin Jordan

Meeting called to order at 6:52 by Vice Chair Teresa Gunter.

Priscilla Smith makes motion to accept agenda per Bethany Jordan won’t be here, Theresa Jordan seconds, all in favor, motion carries, 2-0.

Minutes of December 8 will be tabled until next meeting.

Via text to Teresa Gunter, Bethany has had an average of two students for homework help. If it doesn’t pick up she will wait until next school year.

Liz Aitken-Youth Chemical Dependency Prevention Program
She gives a background of her program. Teresa Gunter mentions it has always been under Education. There used to be six coordinators in Cass Lake. They are in need of more workers and vans in Onigum, Sugar Point, and Prescott. Youth Coordinators are needed in Kego, Ball Club, and Bena. February 6 there will be a get together combined with SAMSA and YCDPP at Cass Lake Boys and Girls Club. There was a question of how many students are served at the Walker Boys and Girls Club. Theresa is there a few nights a week and 65-85 students attend per night. Denise Ellis is concerned of youth not being in community to feel proud of doing activities here. Liz will plan more activities here. Another concern is why is the SAMSA Program person at center from 9-3 when students are in school. Liz will check on that.
There will a Youth Conference at Northern Lights in the spring.
There will be an all district gathering in Bena for 8-18/family welcome from 12-5 pm.
On Tuesday the 19th there will be a Drug and Alcohol Awareness presentation from 6-8 pm.
On Wednesday, January 20 there will be a District III Winter Gathering in Onigum from 6-8 pm.
Priscilla suggested to Liz about having our youth paint signs against drugs and alcohol and give positive messages. Another suggestion is to have a kite flying day on the ice for the youth. These are activities that could be under the Indigenous Initiative.
Teresa Gunter asked about Sons and Daughters of Tradition. Liz will be going to training in Deer River. There will be CPR training at the lake when school lets out for summer and there will be a cook-out.

Natalie Bueno is volunteering to be our Youth Representative.

Do a phone tree, offer to give rides, get more youth involved so we have more community participation. Can Theresa Jordan and Robin Jordan pick up people for events? There was a question of can we mail fliers to community members. It was suggested the O.L.I.C. get addresses of Onigum area community members from RTC so we can mail calendars, information, and fliers to the community members so we get more involvement.
The center is getting over booked and we need to find a solution. There have been complaints of our building manager. She is rude to people when they have something going on, even at funerals. The people are trying to visit and she is already trying to clean up and move things around like she’s trying to get them out the door. She needs to work on empathy.

Powwow sign-up sheet is going around. Sharon Raisch/Jackson would like to have games and activities during the powwow.

Grief Group is every other week and next meeting is January 21. Karen Anoka comes out. Priscilla mentioned the Healing Walk in Cass Lake last fall and let Karen know then that it would be nice to have a Healing Walk in Onigum in the spring.

There was a long discussion on plans of new center.

The light on the corner was mentioned. Denise E. said there should be one by the Stony Point Road, also.

Priscilla makes motion to adjourn, Theresa Jordan seconds, all in favor, 2-0, meeting adjourns at 8:34 pm.
Next meeting is February 9, 2016. Potluck at 6:00, meeting at 6:30.

Submitted by Priscilla Smith