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Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Meeting
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe 1308 E Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55404
Tuesday, June 27, 2017 6-8:30pm

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer – Miigwech Lisa Bellanger for sharing the opening prayer
2. Roll Call: Quorum: **Yes/No**
3. Call Meeting to Order at 6:14pm
4. Wiisinidaa! Let's eat!

Old Business

None

New Business

5. Announcement: Avery Wind seated as Youth Representative
 - Welcome Avery Wind! Avery is going to Washburn in the fall. He's got a Step-Up position this year and he's working at Migizi this summer. He also applied to Silicon North Stars and he was chosen! He'll be going to California this summer for a free weeklong trip and visiting technology companies.
 6. Announcement: Quarterly Meeting in Minneapolis
 - Will take place on July 7, 2017 at 10am at the MAIC
 7. Announcement/Discussion: Annual Picnic
 - We had a good discussion of what we might add to our picnic:
 - What makes a good picnic? Stuff for kids to do, spending time with community, it's great to have our whole community (exclusively) at the picnic grounds
 8. Feedback Request: What would you like to see in future LIC meetings? Speakers? Activities?
9. Reports of
 - a) ~~Chairperson~~ Not in attendance

Roll Call:

Term ends 2018

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| ex | Richard White |
| X | Christine Roy |
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Term ends 2019

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| X | Norma Jean Smith |
| X | Shannon Nordby |
| X | Jean Howard |
| X | Lisa Bellanger |
| X | Avery Wind |

Attendance: approximately 19 band members + 6 LIC
Gift card winners: D Rojas, Connie Edberg and Mary Levi

b) Vice Chairperson

- We're meeting with the picnic committee tomorrow. If you want to volunteer, we need volunteers!

c) Treasurer

- We started using gift cards a few years ago for prizes at the LIC meetings. Chris recorded a few names of people who want to volunteer with fundraisers

d) Secretary

- Shannon handed out minutes for March, April, May 2017, talked about the Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Facebook page and asked people to check for minutes on the Leech Lake Webpage:

<http://www.llojibwe.org/government/district3/twincities.html>

e) Elder Representative

- Lisa was able to attend World Peace and Prayer Day in Hawaii on June 21, 2017 where prayers were shared for peace, the earth and all of the people. Lisa was able to spend a lot of time with elders on a volcano – Mauna Kea. Lisa took the elders to the steam vents and saw the red steam at the edge of the volcano. Lisa talked about the offerings that people shared including tobacco, leis and fish.
- We are an important group with the Leech Lake community and we need to work to get our representatives to all our meetings. Remember our voting base is large enough that we can control the vote.

f) Youth Representative

- It's Avery's first month, so he will have a report next month

~~g) TCO/Elder Advocate/Community Resource Advocate Report~~

h) ICWA Report

- Leech Lake ICWA has three case managers and a large case load of 93 cases with 160 children in seven county metro area
- In the past three months, 23 cases have been closed and families are reunified
- You can get support services from county social workers, like gift cards and bus cards. This is in part for having a great advocate, be very vocal and Ralph the Leech Lake ICWA Lawyer
- Every Monday there is a staffing meeting in how to provide best services
- Collaborate with other reservations with kids who may possibly be enrolled in Leech Lake

- Invite to Hennepin County to goal: work on issues that brought them to child protection in the first place
- If county social workers don't understand ICWA, call to get the Leech Lake ICWA office involved

10. Tribal Council

a) District 1

- Penny Devault was here to report. The S-Lake Powwow was great and had a lot of youth involved! They had a dance outfit giveaway, which was very successful!
- July 4 celebrations will happen at Inger Ball and Club, along with the powwow in Cass Lake
- Shin-go-bee practice runs are happening tonight, tomorrow and this weekend
- Still working on planning with architect for new casino
- No new news on the use of the Palace
- MCT TEC Meeting on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 8:30am at Northern Lights

~~b) District 2~~ Not in attendance

~~c) District 3~~ Not in attendance

~~d) Treasurer~~ Not in attendance

~~e) Chairperson~~ Not in attendance

11. Questions /Comments /Concerns/Open Floor

- Howard wondered why we have so many reports listed on the agenda. Shannon clarified that we are able to track reports and attendance though the list

Next Meetings/LIC Endorsed Events:

- July 25, 2017, 6-8pm LLTCLIC Meeting
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Building
1308 East Franklin Ave, Minneapolis MN 55404
- August 25, 2017, 4-7pm Leech Lake Annual Picnic
Veteran's Memorial Park
6400 Portland Ave, Richfield, Minnesota 55423

Handouts:

- March 2017 LLTCLIC Minutes
- April 2017 LLTCLIC Minutes
- May 2017 LLTCLIC Minutes

Adjourned at 7:52pm
Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Nordy

Twin Cities Local Indian Council Secretary