

# MINUTES



## Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Meeting

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe 1308 E Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 6-8:30pm

### Minutes

1. Roll Call: Quorum: **Yes/No**
2. Call Meeting to Order at 6:16pm
3. Wiisinidaa! Let's eat!

### Old Business

None

### New Business

#### 4. Reports of

##### a) Chairperson

- *LIC Report* – we have a new Youth Representative, Avery Wind who is on a field trip tonight.
- *Ombudsperson American Indian Families* was introduced, Jill Kehaulani. She works to educate families, attorneys, social workers and judges on ICWA

##### b) Vice Chairperson

- Everyone should sign up for Valley Fair

##### c) Treasurer

- As an LIC, we need to set up dates for taco bingo fundraisers. We will talk about that at our sub committee meeting.

##### d) Secretary

- Shannon will bring the minutes for last month's meeting next month as we are still approving them.
- Shannon reported about the patrol she was working on regarding the person who exposing themselves to women in South Minneapolis. She organized the #OhHellNo Bike Ride and received press attention.
- Here are some of the stories:
  - <http://www.unicornriot.ninja/?p=17298>
  - <http://www.citypages.com/arts/theres-a-creepy-naked-guy-wandering-around-minneapolis-and-women-are-banding-together-to-catch-him/436519553>

#### Roll Call:

##### *Term ends 2018*

X	Richard White
X	Christine Roy

##### *Term ends 2019*

X	Norma Jean Smith
X	Shannon Nordby
X	Jean Howard
ab	Lisa Bellanger
ex	Avery Wind

Attendance: approximately 22 band members + 6 LIC + 2 RTC

Gift card winners: We are out of gift cards

e) ~~Elder Representative~~ – not present

f) ~~Youth Representative~~ – not present

g) TCO/Elder Advocate/Community Resource Advocate Report

- *TCO Report* – working to bring the picnic together. We are hoping for a very good event. We are hoping for lots of prizes for adult and kids.
- *Valleyfair Trip* – sign up at the TCO. Please be aware that you have to have your own transportation to Valleyfair.
- *Elder and Veteran activity* – sign ups for \$300. The Elder Advocates did a fabulous job. Thanks to Barb White and Gina Erwin!
- Barb shared that they are working hard on behalf of elders
- Janelle San, Leech Lake Resource Advocate, shared she is working on a coat drive; diaper program is in full effect and for the Valleyfair field trip sign up by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

h) ICWA Report

- Diana Sanders was unable to be present, so Muriel Dickenson shared a report: Some cases were closed, but some new cases opened.

## 5. Tribal Council

a) District 1 – Penny Devault was present.

- She attended gaming commissioner training and is the first Gaming Commissioner for Leech Lake! Also attended Blandin Leadership Training. District 1 had a very successful regalia giveaway. Plans to do an LIC Assembly for District 1. Valleyfair field trip is underway. Back-to-School supplies giveaway and school clothes money giveaway.

b) District 2 – Present but no updates.

c) ~~District 3~~ – Not present

d) Treasurer – Archie LaRose was present.

- Thank you for hosting the Quarterly this month. The air conditioner at MAIC was broken and it was hot. Unfortunately, the attendance wasn't that great. Mii Gwitch Mahnomen Days went great. The RTC may work to have the Quarterly in Duluth.

e) Chairperson – Faron Jackson was present.

- It was disappointing that the turnout wasn't very big at the Quarterly. Chairperson Hunt had a Quarterly years ago on 31<sup>st</sup> and Park.
- There has been a lot happening in the past three months.

- Faron went to the Ballclub Mii Gwitch Mahnomen Powwow and it was great.
- Leech Lake was working on the blood quantum issue and a date to hold an election and it was cancelled at the last TEC meeting. Faron voted no to cancelling the election (referendum vote?) Part of the issue was that Canadian First Nation people do not use a blood quantum number; how can we blend our systems together?
- Faron is being investigated for theft by a council member, started back in June. Faron asked the investigator about the exact date of the theft and it is unknown. He also asked for the surveillance film and there is none.
- There is a meeting with tobacco sales with Winnebago
- Faron is going to ask for a Tribal Executive Committee meeting at MAIC, so that rides can be provided.
- Talked with District 3 rep about redistricting 2 and 3; this is due to the size of the membership they serve.
- Housing board meeting last week, including someone from the state and they are working on getting HIP (?) housing on Leech Lake so that home repairs can take place, including homes that are not repairable can be rebuilt.
- Ongoing ICWA issues up north and Faron would like more data that can be shared with the community. How many kids are in foster homes? How many kids are reunited? How many are adopted out? We are having a huge issue with drugs and homelessness and this affects the children. (NOTE: Jean White shared that some of that information is in the June 2017 Twin Cities LIC Minutes.)
- Land Leases: we had a group of non-native leaseholders whose lease was cancelled. We will move this land to Leech Lakers.
- There was a savings of \$100,000 in Leech Lake travel since July 2016.
- Levi Brown is working on acquiring 11,000 acres.
- Constitution Reform Meeting August 21 and 22 in Mille Lacs. Faron is working to get an additional member on the TEC because we are 75% of the MCT membership.
- Faron will work to get a list of the Leech Lake Elders who are in hospice in the Twin Cities Area and the Elder Advocates are encouraged to go visit.

- Onigum Center is looking really good and should be completed in January 2018.
- Shin-Go-Bee is really busy and needs to hire more staff. We should get a revenue report possibly after 90 days, but maybe longer.
- Che We and Northen Lights Express is now under gaming management
- New Palace to be completed 2019
- Archie shared that Randy Finn should be invited to this LIC to talk about creating a coop
- Faron asked what's new in the cities?
  - Red Lake declared a state of emergency based on opiates. Did Leech Lake declare emergency? Faron is going to check on this.
  - Jean suggested treatment for drug users and that Leech Lake should talk to surrounding area judges.

#### 6. Questions /Comments /Concerns/Open Floor

- Annoucement: American Indian Magnet is seeking an Ojibwe teacher

#### **Next Meetings/LIC Endorsed Events:**

- August 25, 2017, 4-7pm - *Leech Lake Annual Picnic*  
 Veteran's Memorial Park  
 6400 Portland Ave, Richfield, MN 55423
  
- August 29, 2017, 6-8 pm - *Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Meeting*  
 Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Building  
 1308 E. Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Adjourned at 8:02pm  
 Respectfully Submitted,



Twin Cities Local Indian Council Secretary