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Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Meeting
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe 1308 E Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55404
Tuesday, January 30, 2018 6:00-8:00pm

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Call Meeting to Order at 6:17pm
3. Wiisinidaa! Let's eat!
 - Miigwech, Lisa Bellanger for saying a prayer.
4. Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance or Office (TERO) Announcement. Read more about TERO at

<http://www.llojibwe.org/td/tero.html#sthash.znrXvhYd.dpbs>

- 2018 Concrete Industry Introduction Cement Mason Training will be choosing 4 people from Leech Lake. Call 1-218-335-8374 if interested. Deadline: Feb 12, 2018

Old Business

5. Vacant Local Indian Council Seat
 - Must be band member, 18+, must live in Twin Cities – 7 county metro area
 - ~~Will go to 2020~~ – Correction: This goes to June 2019
 - Seat open as of now to February 27
 - Clayton Rainey Jr. was present and spoke to the group about his intentions to run for LIC

New Business

6. Korina Barry, Leech Lake Band Member and candidate for Minnesota House of Representatives in District 62B
 - Korina Barry is a super talented and experienced individual who is running for House of Representatives in 62B
 - Encouraged to run by Susan Allen who is vacating the seat
 - Susan Allen is one of the four Native legislators and would like to see her seat be carried on by a Native person, so Korina is a natural choice

Added: Jeremy Alf, HireWire Stacknology to give a presentation and introduce our new partnership

Roll Call:

Term ends June 2018

X	Richard White
ab	Christine Roy

Term ends 2019

X	Shannon Nordby
X	Jean Howard
X	Lisa Bellanger
X	Avery Wind

Attendance: approximately 11 band members + 5 LIC + 2 RTC
Casino Package winners: Clayton Rainey Jr. and Melissa Olson
won packages for Northern Light and the Palace

7. Reports of

a) Chairperson

- Working hard with the LIC, keeping us going forward

b) Vice Chairperson

- Vacant Local Indian Council seat will be discussed at the mid-month meeting and we will be looking at the By-Laws to make sure that this is done correctly

c) Treasurer - not present

d) Secretary

- Shannon surveyed the band members present at the meeting and found the most interest in facebook sharing of the meeting notices, as opposed to an email or a text reminder

e) Elder Representative

- Lisa met with Avis; Lisa asked what the Elder Representatives at TCO do and is still working on getting a clear understanding of what is provided. One of the biggest tasks they do is helping to keep elders in their homes and with their families.
- Wisdom Steps needs our help to fundraise for elders to have spending money at a Wisdom Step event up north. This is not a part of the Elder Rep TCO job.
- Opiates are a major issue. We have launched a lawsuit against the opiate companies. Lisa spoke with Faron and offered help collecting data, contacting people, community organizing.

f) Youth Representative

- Avery has been busy at school and second semester just started.

g) TCO/Elder Advocate (not present)/Community Resource Advocate Report (not present)

- Richard was asked to fulfill the supervisor role a year ago. LIC was put together to work hand-in-hand with the urban office and the larger council up north.
- Richard worked to learn about the expungement process. TCO will be hosting attorneys very soon to help band members with this process
- Six Bands of Minnesota Urban Office Directors have come together and meet once a month to discuss how to work together
- Community Resource Advocate position will be posted soon
- Diane Sanders, Janel San are no longer with Leech Lake TCO and Richard wonders if he will be next

h) ICWA Report – Not present

8. Tribal Council

a) District 1 – Not present

b) District 2 – Not present

c) District 3 – Not present

d) Treasurer – Archie Larose wishes Korina Barry good luck. State of the Band was packed and went really well; here are some highlights: Shingobee creates 25-30 jobs for band members. New Bingo Palace Referendum passed with 78% yes votes after informational meetings all over the state. Onigum Community Center is opening soon and was a \$4 million dollar project. Archie learned that the first hospital was in Onigum when he went door-to-door when he first started campaigning.

e) Chairperson – Faron Jackson feels it's good to come down here and appreciates Howard White's recommendation to put RTC on the agenda to be able to speak for 10 minutes each.

- Communication is improving within Leech Lake. Faron didn't understand what Richard was talking about; everything has a process; everyone has to deal with changes. Employment practices are changing, including dealing with RTC dealing with personnel issues including directors assisting employees with issues and a grievance process.
- Today the candidates were cleared and certified for the upcoming election. Faron did have to vote, as there was a tie in the certification votes. Faron asked Richard to post a flyer showing the clearances and confirmations at TCO
- Lawyers have been working on tobacco tax issues. In 2018, Leech Lake will get a large settlement back (from 2013) equaling \$6 million plus interest. Faron will bring a tribe attorney to share more information next month.
- TEC voted to return all MCT land back to bands
- What has become of the blood quantum issue? (Asked by TW) This is going to take a while and it's a complicated issue.
- Two youth have been appointed to Governors' Youth Board from Leech Lake

9. Questions /Comments /Concerns/Open Floor

- Howard White discussed his opinion that he is unhappy with the agenda set up. He would like to hear from the Tribal Council members who travelled from up north.
- Lisa let attendees know that she will be working to do a fundraiser for Korina Barry
- Congratulations to Betty Moore who celebrates 34 years sober today, January 30, 2018. Congratulations Betty! You are truly an inspiration!

Next Meeting/LIC Endorsed Events:

- February 27, 2018, 6-8 pm *Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Meeting*
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Handouts:

- None, but November 2017 minutes will be approved by next meeting. December 2017 meeting was cancelled, so no minutes for that month

Adjourned at 8:15 pm
Respectfully Submitted,



Twin Cities Local Indian Council Secretary