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Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Meeting

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe 1308 E Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55404
Tuesday, March 27, 2018 6:00-8:00pm

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Call Meeting to Order at 6:21pm
3. Wiisinidaa! Let's eat! Thank you Christine Roy for sharing a prayer.
4. Announcement: Seating of Community Representative

- Diana Sanders was selected to the Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council

Congratulations Diana! We look forward to working with you!

Roll Call:

Term ends June 2018

X	Richard White
X	Christine Roy

Term ends 2019

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

Attendance: approximately 18 band members + 5 LIC + 4 RTC
Door prize winners: D Rojas won a package for the Palace and Connie Edberg won a pound of wild rice.

Old Business

5. Linda Thompson Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition <http://www.miwsac.org/>
 - Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition is located in St Paul, but works all across the state.
 - MN Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition Executive Director is Nicole Matthews is a Leech Lake enrolled member.
 - Sexual assault is very difficult to deal with, including and unfortunately, the fact is this happens even within our own families.
 - 1 out of 4 women will experience sexual violence by 18, for Native women the figure is more like 1 of 3. Men 1 of 6, but for Native men it's 1 of 5.
 - April is SAAM Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
 - There are no words in our indigenous languages for sexual assaults. Colonization brought sexual violence into our lives.
 - We can stop the violence and we can heal.
 - There will be a 40-hour training in July at the Indian Women's Resource Center.
6. Wild Rice Investigation
 - Richard shared that he thought he is the prime suspect. The following day (after last month's LIC meeting) he contacted his immediate supervisor and asked his supervisor for an investigation. He stated that he, himself is open to being

investigated, as well as, all of the TCO Staff. Richard stated he would be willing to take a polygraph test and he has retained a lawyer.

- LIC wrote a letter to Robbie Budreau and haven't heard anything back. Suggestions include sending a physical copy of the letter by certified mail. And email Robbie B. using the other server and cc Gordon Fineday.
- Richard hasn't heard any thing back from his supervisor.
- Richard also contacted Richard Robinson DRM Director. Richard Robinson said that the DRM and the Council were meeting together to plan how to disburse rice to the Twin Cities area and distribution criteria. This was the reason given for TCO not being provided rice.
- Chris Roy passed out the minutes from February 2018, which detailed the wild rice issues, and Lisa Bellanger summarized the issues.
- Joan Capitaine brought up hearsay that a felon is working at TCO and she thinks they should also be investigated.
- Todd Pemberton brought up the fact that just because someone is a convicted felon doesn't mean they are automatically doing wrong. Statements that suggest so are harmful to those who are convicted felons and trying to move on with their life.
- Richard White, TCO Supervisor invited Joan Capitaine to come to TCO to discuss this issue.

New Business

7. Reports of

a) LIC

- Treasurer's Report: I) LIC minutes and sign in sheets were received around 10 days ago. Lisa Gullickson processed the stipends and they were passed onto the next line for signature (Robbie Budreau or Gordon Fineday.) Then they are returned to Lisa Gullickson or Tanya Luna and they forward them to Accounts Payable. II) The stipend vouchers have been signed. Accounting had a new policy in place that all disbursement vouchers are to be signed off by the program accountant, Rob Washington.
- Elder Representative: Lisa Bellanger shared her experiences with the Circle of Safety and Ogichiidakwe.

b) TCO

- The positions of Supervisor, Front Desk and Resource Advocate have been posted at this time. These positions close 3-23-18.

- Richard shared that he has learned about the interactions between band members, TCO, RTC and HR. There are problematic issues that Richard has learned from working at TCO and generally the same people doing the same things who are not present at this meeting. The previous director/supervisors experienced the same thing that Richard is experiencing.
- Richard will be leaving footprints or a handbook for the next supervisor.

c) Elder Advocate – not present

d) ICWA – Cheyenne Kingbird

- Cheyenne is the Lead Case Manager at Urban Office. This is her 4th year working for the tribe. She began as a supervisor in October 2017.
- Cheyenne shared a newsletter detailing that Leech Lake is a leader in representing families.
- She has her own caseload and is the supervisor for the office.
- All the ICWA workers are have a caseload of about 30.
- Cases are not being closed as fast as they are being opened.
- Cheyenne asked for feedback about what band members would like for her to bring.
- Lisa Bellanger asked if we have prevention activities. Cheyenne said she does work on some of those activities via conversation with families. Cheyenne said that it would be great to have a position so someone to do that work.

8. Tribal Council

a) District 1

- Penny Devault is retiring. Richard thanked her for her service and shared how grateful we are for her service.

b) District 2

- Steve White was present, but didn't take the floor.

c) District 3

- LeRoy Fairbanks talked about a flag code that was passed to honor the Leech Lake Flag.
- LeRoy talked about the challenges involved in the RTC getting involved in political appointments and decisions.
- Band members in the Twin Cities show up to this meeting and just want to see good things happening.
- What is the goal for the LIC? TCO? The people in the Twin Cities?

- LeRoy encouraged people to get up and do something to make it better for all of us.
- The 18,000 acres were “given” to the MN DNR. We’re focusing on 13,000 acres and are working to get this land back.
- Elections: LIC and RTC will not have coinciding elections. 218-335-7222
General election board questions can be directed to. But, there will be a question on the ballot for re-districting.

d) Treasurer

- Archie Larose stopped by, but had left before he could take the floor.

e) Chairperson

- Faron sent a message that he was unable to make it tonight and will be here next month.

9. Questions /Comments /Concerns/Open Floor

- D Rojas brought up the fact that the police officer at the nearby SA is sitting there with their car and flashing light on. It makes our neighborhood look bad. D requested we call Mayor Frey to learn more about it. 612-673-2100.
- Avery Wind asked, “What activities are planned for the Leech Lake youth band members for this summer?” Penny was still here and asked, “Does the TCO have a plan?” She will work with Robbie and Gordon to find out more and share what she finds out.
- D Rojas asked if we could buy reusable plastic ware? D will stay after and wash. LIC will consider this at the mid-month meeting.

Next Meeting/LIC Endorsed Events:

- April 24, 2018, 6-8 pm *Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Meeting*
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Building
1308 E. Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Adjourned approximately 8:21 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Twin Cities Local Indian Council Secretary

Handouts:

- February 2018 Minutes