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Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Meeting

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Building
1308 E. Franklin Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55404

April 24, 2018 6-8pm

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Call Meeting to Order @ 6:13pm
3. Wiisinidaa! Let's eat!
4. Announcement: May 2018 Location Change
5. Announcement: Ground rules Added: Welcome Diana Sanders!

- Diana shared a little about her background and said she's honored to be on the LIC.

Roll Call:

Term ends June 2018

ex	Richard White
X	Christine Roy

Term ends 2019

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

Attendance: approximately 27 band members + 5 LIC + 3 RTC
 Door prize winners: Duane McFarlane won a package for Northern Lights and Leah Kulwicki won a pound of wild rice.

Old Business

6. Wild Rice Investigation
 - Shannon sent the letter to Robbie Budreau again using the llojibwe.com email address and will begin sharing the letter with others asap

Ground Rules

- Be respectful and courteous to speakers
- No attacks on individuals
- Personnel or confidential issues will not be entertained
- Please help clean up after the meeting

New Business

Added: Collette Lawrence

- Collette is the Elders Coordinator at the Minneapolis American Indian Center (MAIC.)
- She passed out information about the NATIVE FAN and the Fitness Center at MAIC.
- She shared information about the Walking Club which takes place daily from 10:00-11:30 am.
- In two months Native FAN will be participating in Wisdom Steps.
- Native FAN works with people 40 and older.
- Collette teaches a Tai Chi Chuan class and invite everyone to join!
- Monday – Friday 7:30am-7:00pm and Saturdays 11:00-3:00

7. Call for LIC Election Committee

- We are looking for volunteers.
- Please let any of the LIC members know

8. Call for Nomination of LIC Candidates

- Shannon passed out the nomination form

9. Reports of

a) LIC

- Shannon passed out the March 2018 Minutes

b) TCO – not in attendance

c) Elder Advocate – not in attendance

d) ICWA – Cheyenne Kingbird

- Cheyenne shared numbers that the ICWA Office is experiencing:
 - 86 cases open
 - 166 kids in out of home placement,
 - 4 case managers
- Needed: an intake worker and Cheyenne has been told there is no money for an intake worker. Up north has an intake unit, investigation unit, child protection unit, foster care unit, family preservation unit and truancy unit. Leech Lake Urban ICWA is not allowed to utilize the resources that Up North ICWA currently has in place.
- Leech Lake has the highest numbers of Leech Lake workers attending court.
- Support for foster families: Look for resource information at MN DHS website

10. Tribal Council

a) District 1

- Penny Devault
- Last District 1 LIC Assembly, but not starting too much because there will be a new District 1
- No new information youth planning

b) District 2

- A representative was here and said there is nothing to report

Handouts:

- March 2018 Minutes

c) District 3 – not in attendance

d) Treasurer

- Archie Larose thanked every one for being here
- Archie said he did really well in the primary
- Archie hurt his foot a few days before the primary and is healing well

e) Chairperson

- Faron Jackson Sr. was busy at the Constitution meeting last month and couldn't make it.
- Meeting today discussing the Enbridge pipeline judge's decision. The judge decided that the pipeline will go through Leech Lake.
- Time to put on the LIC agenda: pipeline.
- Tribe is working on a lot of issues including Leech Lake's propane business, expanding to other business' besides gaming,
- Leech Lake has a new grant writer. Faron said that the grant writer might work on finding money for Twin Cities Leech Lakers. TCO will have access to the grant writer.
- Chris Allery, Leech Lake lawyer is going to move on. He will be a judge with Red Lake Nation.
- Re: Rice Issue - Faron said that Richard was never a prime suspect. Rice should be coming soon. The intent is NOT to buy 50 pounds and then upsell it to non-natives. No one was pointing fingers at anyone.
- We are moving dirt for our new casino.
- Meeting upcoming on opiates, including treatment at MASS.
- NA meetings have been started and education and awareness is increasing.
- Personnel issues are difficult. Trying to let HR take the issues instead of RTC. Division Directors are the one to recommend termination.
- Howard asked if there are minutes regarding the pipeline: Faron said Joe Folwer and Grace are working on putting together information.
- There are upcoming meetings about the 2019 budget. Dawn Pero is wondering if a CD Counselor can be hired for the TCO? April Smith and Jean Howard shared the fact that it feels like Leech Lake isn't doing enough to help our people.
- Jean directly asked RTC what they are doing to Leech Lakers in the Cities. Many other tribes are offering services for their band members and Leech Lake has to refer our band members to other tribes to gain services.
- Faron said there would be a meeting next week about TCOs rice.

11. Questions /Comments /Concerns/Open Floor

- Mick Finn is running for Treasurer and shared a little bit about his campaign ideas including increased communication for band members and work towards gaining funds to help band members in the cities. Mick met with

David Goodman of White Earth Substance Abuse Program. It was reported the Leech Lake missed an opportunity of \$140,000 to fight the opiate epidemic, however there was no Leech Lake follow through. White Earth took over on this opportunity.

Next Meeting/LIC Endorsed Events:

- May 29, 2018, 6-8 pm *Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Meeting*
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
2300 15th Avenue South | Minneapolis, MN | 55404

Adjourned approximately 8:00 pm
Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Nordley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Twin Cities Local Indian Council Secretary