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Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council Meeting

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center 2300 13th Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55404

November 27, 2018 5:30-8:00pm

1. Roll Call: QUORUM
2. Call Meeting to Order at 5:59pm

Old Business

3. By-Laws Submitted to Leech Lake Tribal Council

- Thank you to the constituents who emailed and phoned Carrie about the by-laws.
- The new TCLIC By-Laws were motioned on at a meeting with District 3 representative.
- Will go to legal first.
- Hopeful that it will be back by next month's meeting.
- Thank you LIC for helping to get these discussions completed!

Roll Call:

Term ends June 2019

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

Term ends 2020

X	Carrie Day Aspinwall
X	Valerie Larsen

Attendance: approximately 20 attendees + 7 LIC + 2 RTC
 Door prize winners: Bryce LaFontaine won a pound of wild rice and Daryl McFarlane won a \$50 Cub gift card.

A special miigwech to Steve White for bringing 4 pounds of wild rice, which were won by Jason Decker, Maryanna Harsted, Darrell Johnson Sr. and Charles Wind.

New Business

4. Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution Revision Information

- Jason Decker visited the LIC to share more information about the MN Chippewa Tribe Constitution Revision Information.
- Each rez sends 10 delegates and the meeting to choose delegates is this Friday in Bena.
- Carrie and Jean will travel to Bena to attend the meeting. *They will be traveling on their own resources."
- We discussed the idea that a delegate would come from all LICs.
- Jean talked about requesting a meeting with the future delegate.
- Carrie hoped the delegate could attend our mid-month meeting to bring a strong message.
- Carrie mentioned that LeRoy shared an estimate there are about 2500 Leech Lake Band Members in the Twin Cities.
- D Rojas talked about the importance of bringing someone with you to these meetings especially youth.
- Carrie asked Faron for his input:
 - Faron Jackson Sr talked about the importance of the enrollment issue
 - It's possible this can take years.
 - We need every band member to read and understand the MCT Constitution.
 - We've been living under this since 1934.
 - Faron's idea is to print off the MCT Constitution and hand it out often.

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- This will eventually be a referendum vote. You might not get everything that you want to happen because 40,000 MCT members will be voting on the revision.
- Carrie Day Aspinwall mentioned education and engagement is extra important.
- Faron will advocate that we have 2 band members as delegates to the meetings. Encouraging all to be involved and stay engaged in the long run.
- Carrie mentioned that we talk a lot about getting more members involved.
- Faron suggested that we continue in a positive way; no crabs in a bucket.
- Charles Wind suggested that we get all Urban MCT Tribe Members together to talk about Constitution reform.
- Lisa Bellanger shared a goal to have a meeting by February 2019 to plan an event to share Constitution Education Event. Leech Lake could show leadership in this reform.

5. Open Discussion from the Floor – Please share questions, concerns relevant to the Twin City Area.

- Howard gave the LIC a compliment that he trusts us and feels confident that we are working for the people even when he's not here.
- Diane Grooms talked about her Native Elder Games for anyone over 50 to have fun and get healthier! The Native Elder Games Team went to the recent and qualifies for the Nationals in 2019! Diane Grooms has monthly meetings if you want to get involved. They also held a fundraiser (bake sale) recently!

6. Tribal Council

a) Chairperson – Faron Jackson Sr

- Sorry for not attending last month; had to attend gaming meetings.
- The RTC met with Walz and Flanagan
- Persall won his election and that's good news!
- Wilder Foundation for homeless survey on the October 19th
- Conference call with mayor Frey on October 26th dialog about the wall.
- Sam Strong is calling another meeting November 30 at 1pm at that MAIC about the navigation center with a few issues.
 - Leech Lake has been sending down rice and MAIC is cooking it up. Water is also being sent. Some members from Tent City have been transitioned to homes. The majority of the Native at Tent City are Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth.
 - Also include discussions on drugs and other important security issues.
- RTC is working on making good communication a priority for gaming and government employees. Minneapolis Staff and LIC members will also be invited to attend the trainings. Date isn't set yet.
- Had a meeting with JDI Juvenile Diversion Initiative, DOC and Cass County probation officers and had good open dialog on what the issues really are.

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- Faron was put on a Transportation Committee appointed by Melanie Benjamin. We were awarded a rural transportation grant and plan to buy some buses. Purchased a shuttle and another one that includes a lift.
 - On October 27, 6th grade Leech Lake Boys basketball tournament.
 - On Oct 28, MCT meeting was held at Northern Lights. Talked about Constitution.
 - Faron was nominated to be chair of the DNR Subcommittee.
 - On October 29, Bois Forte Chairperson, Cathy Chavers became the president of MCT and Faron was elected vice president! This is a 2-year term.
 - November 8th and 9th the second annual Native Nations Building – leadership skills and training. Hosted by Mystic Lake.
 - Veterans Day - Free breakfast and slot play and a fantastic powwow.
 - 13th and 14th Opiate Response Summit: the two days went really well. Christine brought up a sacred fire and they were able to do that, including a pipe ceremony. There was a youth panel held and people came from Canada and youth came from Wisconsin. The second day was an elder's panel and it was really super. Geneva Lawrence was asked to fill in and she did.
 - LL applied for a housing grant and was awarded 8-million dollars to develop housing! Build 30-35 homes on Leech Lake.
 - Grant for veteran cemetery is going well.
 - Homeless meeting on November 19 with Sam Strong, Chairman Darrell Seki and Minneapolis Staff.
 - There will be a Leech Lake flag in the Hennepin JDC courtrooms and when adoptions take place.
 - Faron said the council has been involved in a lot of things (including helping people at Tent City) and helping people to open their eyes to what is happening in Indian Country. It's been challenging, but it's been good!
 - Carrie said she helped NACDI write a grant and they received \$200,000 grant and Carrie will be the project manager.
 - We've been looking for a new building in Minneapolis because it's desperately needed.
- b) District 1 – Robbie Howe
- Not present
- c) District 2 – Steve White
- Brought wild rice – Miigwech Steve!
- d) District 3 – LeRoy Staples Fairbanks III
- Not present

Handouts:

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e) Secretary Treasurer – Arthur LaRose

- Not present

7. Reports – Please share information relevant to the Twin Cities Area.

a) LIC

- Date Change for next month's meeting.
 - Famous Dave's, for next month and we have a BINGO game next month.
- Outreach and communication is so important. Shannon is going to work on a communication plan to be in working order by June 2019.
- Issues with 2017 budget have been resolved.

MOTION: Move regular giveaway items to BINGO prizes for next month, by Shannon, Seconded by Lisa, passed.

- Faron will be able to pass along some items for BINGO prizes.
- Carrie asked about Leech Lake t-shirts and Faron said yes that he will try to contribute.

b) TCO – Frances Butler

- Check distribution is coming up.
- Toys for Tots will be set up very soon.
- Christine Roy is a new hire as administrative assistant for TCO. Welcome Christine!
- TCO now has a clothing referral.
- Working on a mini food shelf and hope to have a freezer in the new space.
 - Carrie invited Frances to the mid-month meeting so that we can make plans to do big things together.
 - Frances replied that it was inspirational to hear youth talk about not having an elder in their life.
 - Jean asked about the new building: would it be rented or bought? Frances said it would be purchased.
 - Carrie talked about making sure the LIC is involved in the efforts to collaborate.
 - Jean Howard also shared that if we are working together there is a lot that can be done for our people. We have a lot of resources at the table.
 - Frances feels that we need to have the space first.
 - Carrie said we need to be able to have a voice in the space discussion so it fits all of our needs.

c) TCO Elder Advocate

- 207 elders came to pick up a Cub card, some mailed out. Next year 100% will have to be picked up. Frances thanked elder advocates for taking cards out to homes.
- Elders Xmas party with bus on December 10th.

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- d) ICWA – Cheyenne Kingbird
- Not present

Next Meeting/LIC Endorsed Events:

- **December 18, 2018, 5:30-8:00 pm**
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Adjourned approximately 7:55 pm
Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Nordley

Twin Cities Local Indian Council Secretary/Treasurer

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