

Meeting notes

FDL delegate meeting 01/07/2019

In attendance: Delegates (D)

John Roterman (D), Cheryl Edwards (D), Jeroam Defoe (D), Tara Kimmel (D), Janis Fairbanks (D), Melanie Suatbine, John F. Diver (D), Jason J. Goward (D), Lorraine Houle (D), Lyz Jaakola (D), Sherry Couture, Debra Topping, Jean DuFault (D), Wayne Dupuis (D).

Handouts were made available of the following:

Constitutional Convention Budget 1 year starting Jan 18, 2019.

Comprehensive Summary report MCT Constitutional convention Native Nations Institute Aug 2017-Feb 2018

Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the MCT, Minnesota

Flyer :Constitutional Convention Delegates Meeting Jan 18, 2019

List of delegates. CORRECTION: Wayne Dupuis Email address should read waynedupuis1@msn.com also CORRECTION Cheryl Edwards email address should read cedwards1@css.edu

Miigwech for those who brought pot luck!

Discussion begins:

There is talk of the annual budget sheet for attending the MCT Monthly Meetings. Some discussion goes in to our annual budget to hold meetings at Fond du lac. (FDL)

There is talk of responsibilities. John R is asked to record minutes and accepts.

Cheryl Volunteers to handle communications to the FDL Newspaper, Radio station for meeting announcements, and FDL Web page. Tara is the contact to the MCT and Wayne will be our contact to the FDL RBC.

At this point discussion begins on what our agenda is for this meeting.

It is reiterated that we should begin these meetings with Asema. Things to be discussed include Dates and times of upcoming meetings for MCT and FDL and at which Community Center to hold them in.

New business, old business, Reminder to eat. Delegate schedule. Project goals:

Liz informs the group of the upcoming Zaagibagaang presentation at FDLTCC at 6PM Thursday evening in Room 258 upstairs. Ricky Defoe and Sharon Day will talk about our 7 grandfather teachings intertwined with MCT governance.

There is discussion about ways to increase community awareness and attendance and free food and \$25 Gift cards are suggested to draw people in. 2 gift cards are decided to be added to budget for raffle at each meeting. Public and delegates are eligible to win.

Discussion begins about who will commit to attending the MCT Delegation meeting in Hinkley on January 18.

Volunteers included:

Lorraine, Lyz, Wayne, Jean, Joyce (Out of town for today's meeting, but intention sent), Cheryl, John R, John D, Janis, Jason. A complete list of 10 delegates are chosen with Lorraine Abstaining her spot to Ricky (Also unavailable today but with intention to attend). Lorraine will attend as an alternate delegate without mileage or per diem. It is suggested that the entirety of our delegates attend all meetings whether as a delegate or alternate to stay most aware whenever possible.

Tara shares that Leonard Roy will be recording the MCT Constitution delegate meetings and live streaming them. Tara suggests sending a friend request to Leonard, so you can view and share the live feeds. Tara also suggests sending a friend request to Alan Roy, Secretary of the MCT TEC. For more information.

Lorraine shares information on creating an ordinance as opposed to a law. A law needs to be passed where an ordinance is easier to put into effect. Lorraine also shares information on NNI Constitution talks and Ho Chunk Nation Constitution change and looking towards other tribes who have made good constitutional changes. In Canada there is talk of Dual citizenship and we should be beating down their doors to also be recognized for dual, (for us, TRIPLE? MCT, USA, CANADA) citizenship..

Some final discussion is had about our ground rules and agreed majority vote on matters concerning us, Tara presents that Amanda is our contact in Minneapolis and there is great interest and generally very high attendance at FDL meetings there. We need to send at least a few delegates for a meeting there ASAP! Also there is demand for meetings in Duluth at perhaps AICHO or CAIR as suitable locations. We are all responsible for creating the awareness by informing our community in as many ways as we can. John R reiterates, I asked at the last meeting for a contact list of FDL enrollees to truly take our vote to the public. Phone, Address, Email. We need the ability to reach the community beyond scheduled meetings. Only campaign candidates have been privy to these. But we are in a campaign to change our constitution. I feel we should have them. ASAP.

It is agreed there will be a rotating schedule of delegate meetings on FDL and it is decided the next meeting will be at Sawyer Center on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 5PM-8PM Jean will reserve the room. Then followed by community meetings every 2 weeks, next in Brookston on Feb 12, then Cloquet on Feb 26, and every other Tuesday, thereafter at rotating communities.

It is also agreed we do not want to seek any additional funding from FDL RBC as it would place us in a position of agent of the RBC and therefore subject to addressing their directives on demand.

That's what happened as I remember it.

John Roterman