

MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
Delegate Meeting

May 17, 2019  
Grant Portage Lodge & Casino  
Grand Portage, Minnesota

Billy Blackwell – it's incredible what John has done. We now own a larger percent of the original reservation. 80% of the reservation at Mineral Center area, large areas put into preservation areas, no permanent structures, hunting and other exploitative activities. We have to tape John and others who have knowledge about Gichionigaming.

Education updates from each reservation- what we have done and sharing. Curt , Mille Lacs gave testimony and placed the statement into the public record. White Earth , Patty of district 2, we are floundering in the education area but the people present in the meetings are asking for education. We have attended 5 MCT delegate meetings and we are in process of planning the July meeting in which we will bring in educational materials and knowledgeable speakers. One night per month with education session on the reservation. Likes Mille Lac work of putting together a booklet.

Leech Lake – we are continuing to host education seminars at our LIEC meetings. We want to share the info we receive at the monthly delegates meetings. Send out postcards to band members in the urban areas. They are hosting the meeting for June in Mpls. We need to communicate, count our people in anticipation of the referendum to adopt the new constitution. Key words “inclusion is a must.” Gather urban offices together to inform people about participation for June meeting in the cities. Outreach to people to get participation so they can learn how this impacts them. We are grateful to disseminate info in the cities. Jason, LL – mentioned how Phil states 30% of people entitled to vote, need to in the referendum. It won't pass if there aren't enough people voting. Zaagi-bagang is helping with the education process. Set up an education and voting committee in whci we reach out to non-profits to help us with the voting and reaching people.

Rick Anderson “are changes in the TEC going to change the voting formula.”  
Sally Fineday LL we will have a booth at the upcoming pow wow to distribute info about the constitution.

Next meeting – June 21  
10<sup>th</sup> avenue and Lake Street, at Division of Indian Work, Sheraton Inn across the street for lodging

Millie – we haven't been having community meetings but we had outreach booth at our pow wow. We had a sign up sheet. Another booth at our State of the Band address. A lot of people don't want to go online, instead they want to meet in person and have the actual physical document.

Fond du Lac, Liz Jaakola- our reservation has been having community meetings and this is our third round. We post online, in tribal paper etc. she is tech person and another person writes the content. Various professionals are involved for outreach purposes. “we are building momentum, we are building trust.” We also network at graduations and other activities. Grand Portage, Larry Manthey, we created a subcommittee for education/communication we meet the second Friday of every month. Most of the questions we get locally are local concerns such as transparency, rather than issues at tribal level. We search the constitution to see if these are addressed.

Phoebe Davis – indigenous liaison, official connection with the Duluth community.  
Survey workshop – Rick Anderson, Beth Drost and Michele Hakala-Beeksma



How often would you like to receive updates? (please circle one)

Weekly   monthly   quarterly  
not interested

Grand Portage

What do you feel is most important to our people?

Should each band of the MCT have their own constitution?

Should each band of the MCT be able to determine their own membership?

Fond du Lac

What is the purpose of the constitution?

How do we shape our efforts to reflect our culture?

Bois Forte

What will be the name? ie Anishinabe, Ojibwe, Chippewa

Should we remain within the MCT?

Yes

no

Should the current requirement of one quarter MCT blood quantum be abolished?