

FDL Community Input Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/24/21

Delegates present: Steve Thomas, Jr., Cheryl Edwards, Wayne Dupuis, Liz Jaakola, Deb Topping

Community Present: Gerald Sordelet, Mark McConnell, Veronica Smith, Mary Stone-McConnell

Agenda Item and person presenting	Discussion	Action	F/U Person Initials	Completed Date
Call to Order Roll Call	Order was called Participants were noted on the minutes			
Approve agenda	Cheryl asked that a legal memorandum from October 30, 2019 be added Deb asked that schedule changes be added			
Approve minutes	March 10, 2021 approved March 10, 2020 Tabled	Request for Tara, Ricky, Cheryl, and Connie to work to add a section about the approval of the secretary position.		
Committee report	Facilitation-Meeting on Friday Survey-Test email sent out, not great response, plan to meet last week Education-plans to meet and look at establishing a timeline Finance-moving forward on documents and protocols TEC-preparing summary paper to stop rehashing old business and continue making progress Drafting- Ricky not present, Tara has not been notified, Marcy had spoke at the convention about progress on preamble			

<p>Legal memorandum</p>	<p>Cheryl read legal memorandum from October 30, 2019 be added Seems to be a response to addressing enrollment on our own time and gives suggestions for language to use in constitution. This memorandum seems to answer many questions we have</p>			
<p>Recap of Convention Meeting</p>	<p>Treaties should be made between bands. Enrollment decisions should be made at the band level. Lineal descent should be only restriction at MCT level. Trying to get the whole new constitution completed and voted on in the 2022 election. Preamble drafts has been consolidated and may be changed into an identity proclamation. White Earth Draft Constitution presented by Ray Belcourt was placed on website</p>			

<p>Governmental Structure</p>	<p>Discussion about effect of exclusive requirements for enrollment and how they defy treaties and other cultural norms.</p> <p>Proclamation of tribal/Indigenous Sovereignty Draft read. Request in chat to replace Indigenous with Ojibwe-Anishinabeg</p> <p>Discussion on meanings of Reservations and Bands, through treaty, constitution, culture</p> <p>As many aspects of governance will be moved to the band level, a need to set up a replacement for the secretary of interior and creation of an FDL constitution seems apparent.</p> <p>Native Nations Institute and anishinabe.ca resources shared</p> <p>Motion to form FDL Drafting subcommittee PASSED</p> <p>Current government issue: no checks and balances for TEC</p> <p>Possible Solution: Whole tribe votes for TEC President</p> <p>Current government issue: TEC (1965) once tried to rescind quarter quantum but BIA blocked it</p> <p>Possible Solution: rescind quarter quantum</p> <p>We asked the TEC to update population projections and look into how resources would change</p> <p>Proposed replacement of secretary of interior: elder council to appeal decisions at the TEC and RBC.</p> <p>Potawatomi have a grand council that allows for all members to participate in government.</p> <p>How should we change from the RBC model? RBC micromanages too much and has too much power to decide who gets access to resources.</p>		<p>Wayne, Steve, Lyz volunteered</p>	
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Meeting schedule	Next two mtgs will be executive meetings with the hope of approving SOP	Deb will send out meeting schedule	Next Community Meeting set for 4/14/21 hosted by Wayne	