

Zoom Meeting Minutes for MCT Tribal Reform Delegation
9/11/2020

Carrie Aspinwall facilitated the meeting and ran through some introductions, but they were not completed. Ricky Defoe provided a prayer for the meeting and a roll call was done for all participating members.

Jason, legal council, spoke about the agenda for the day and helped to keep the group discussion on track from a schedule standpoint.

Break out sessions lasted for 30 minutes and the group came back together with findings

Mille Lacs Report

- They need to identify a process and direction
- Recording data and sharing with band members is needed
- They held a 2-day workshop with little success in participation
- Will participate in this process but will not vote until they are comfortable

Question to Mille Lacs of when they will be ready, and they felt that they needed more time and they are not sure at this point. Carrie offered suggestions to Mille Lacs. ML is willing to commit to 3 months of the virtual meetings to hopefully be ready to vote. Jason offered some clarity on the process.

Fond du Lac Report

- Cheryl suggested that the committee work that has been assigned needs to be completed to help move things forward.
- FDL Motion – Revise voting from consensus to super majority; April convention established consensus as 6
- Ricky Defoe spoke about the motion and need for the super majority to move forward
- Side discussion about meeting format took some time from FDL presentation
- Cheryl provided standards for the committees that helpful to stay on track

Annette voiced her opinion about the process of the meeting and zoom functionality that she did not like. Annette doesn't like the meetings as they are and let everyone know her feelings.

Cheryl finished with the 4 points that FDL wanted to focus on:

- Motion to Revise voting
- Preamble
- Article 12
- Accountability

Grand Portage Report

Delegate Jason spoke of how they are pursuing a grant to help with the process in Grand Portage and he is glad to see things moving forward. They have not done much work since February with Covid restrictions.

Bois Forte Report

- Working on inclusion for the band members in the group process
- They have spent time educating new delegate members
- Bois Forte would like to be more a part of the committees as well

Leech Lake Report

- Discussed Preambles and consolidating into one version
- Marketing discussion about how to get information to band members; refrigerator magnets with a help number or web site?
- They are concerned that some of the band members may not even want to try and change things and to move this process forward.
- Suggested using the 7 teachings in the meeting process to consider each other's feelings and to rid your self of negativity in the meetings so we can be successful.

White Earth Report

- Problems with Zoom for Louis
- Advocating for in person meeting of delegates
- Steve Thomas agreed on in person meeting

Carrie discussed the agenda for the next meeting and then adjourned.