

## FDL Constitution Reform meeting minutes

Tuesday 05/14/2019

Delegates present: John R, Wayne D, Cheryl E, Lyz J, Jeroam D, Ricky D, Jacob D, Tara K

Community present: Lewis B, Jeff S.

Ricky Defoe facilitates.

Chi Miigwech Ricky Defoe offers asema and a blessing and prayer of gratitude and guidance to begin.

Chi Miigwech for shopping and bringing the food and beverages Jeroam.

Welcome Jacob as an FDL Delegate.

Jeff Savage offers information about the farming project taking place on FDL on Cary Road across from the lounge, 3<sup>rd</sup> house with a big field behind it. Help is needed on the community project and all hands are encouraged to participate. YOUTH PREFERRED!!! Lol. Work farm is suggested as a viable way to staff the work crew. Good supervision is needed to pursue this alternative. Names suggested, Crow toes,

Ricky offers kudos for the groups remaining members on our cohesion and ability to stick to it. There are many shared world views gathered together with different thoughts being shared and expressed.

Article one still needs fleshing out.

We are now to bring two questions for a survey to the MCT meeting in GP. What is our perspective and purpose? How will the info be disseminated? Will people know enough about the MCT Constitution to ask questions? We should slant the questions so as to be educational in the answers perhaps. We still need the results of the previous surveys from FDL.

What are hot button topics? Blood quantum and sec of interior are two mentioned.

Cost effectiveness is mentioned on feasibility of a mailing.

Some of the items from Walker are discussed. What will be on surveys and why do we want them. Subgroups for discussion.

Joyce arrives and withdraws as a delegate.

We should develop more than 2 questions to submit to the GP MCT constitution reform meeting. We work on writing questions to submit to GP meeting.

We should look at our completed surveys to see how people wanted to be contacted. We should try free contact methods first.. newsletter, website, radio, facebook. Direct to a survey monkey. List serve is mentioned as a communication tool. Who will field, disseminate and answer?

We need a secretary.

Who is going to GP? Tara, Lyz, Ricky,...

We need an Urban delegate. Amanda Linden in Minneapolis.

Dates and locations are set for the next 2 months.

Milestones are suggested to keep us on a track.

White Earth seems to have the wind taken out of their sails as stated in their letter. Education is our charge and voting is not the issue of contention. Agendas are helpful as they aren't being utilized even at the MCT meetings. Moving agenda items forward for example. Milestones are a great idea.

We need to keep moving forward as progress is happening. Once we are on a more well-defined path we will see greater strides.

As to our budget, Tara explains we are somewhat free to use our approved FDL delegate yearly budget as long as an accurate accounting is made. Hotels and gas to MCT meetings are approvable.

Enrollment stories are shared as explanation of why our children have fallen away from "being Indian" due to not being recognized as Indian upon their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Last enrolled members... not living on rez... blood quantum disaster stories. Lack of Indian identity. There are full bloods living off rez with no knowledge of traditional teachings. And vice versa situations...

Citizen Potawatomi Nation initiative. Same rights for members across the globe. Set up a thriving community growing in land base and services. 2 acres to 20,000. Sharing services with the surrounding white community like fire service for example. Their reworking of their constitution is a good model of shedding colonization in the modern world. NNI has information posted on this. We need to bring attention to it. Post it and seek input from community. Watch party?

Member(s) of our RBC has expressed concern at having been asked to step back from our process as their past experience would be helpful. Of course, they are asked to not use their political positions to influence the process, but as community members, we agree they are welcome.

We should submit a revised budget as it will be scrutinized in the final accounting. We need to use what we asked for how we asked it for. Our supply budget needs to include a device with hotspot to insure an internet connection, so we can broadcast and share info better.

We compile our lists of survey questions. Secretarial duties are discussed. Google docs isn't being utilized by us all.

Sharing Potawatomi video on Facebook. We need an email address for the group such as [Fdldelegates@fdl.rez](mailto:Fdldelegates@fdl.rez) with access for us all. Jacob has experience with a group email.

Cheryl submitted to newsletter for the May newsletter, but it wasn't posted. She will re-submit for June once dates are confirmed.

John D confirms he will attend GP MCT meeting.

Dates for upcoming FDL Delegate meetings are suggested and agreed upon and need confirmations. Cheryl will confirm and post.

Hotspot is \$149 for hotspot device. \$50 a month service. Whose equipment (recording) to use? Perhaps purchase a dedicated notepad or device to broadcast from. ATT hotspot from rez plan...?

Secretary needs to be defined. Job description and how much to pay? \$75. Local meetings \$150 MCT meetings is suggested. Shinob or FDL member hiring preference? Travel to meetings to take minutes. Distribute to delegates within a few days. Make and distribute flyers. Help with live feeds by recording

and create agenda we propose for the meeting facilitator. Approximate 11 hours a month commitment. 2 local meetings one MCT meeting per month. Approx \$300 total pay for an approx. 11 hour commitment monthly.

Revising the budget needs to be done to account for our needs. Tara will get an accounting together for us to use to make better decisions going forward.

Chi miigwech for everyone's efforts and time!