

June 25, 2019 FdL MCT Constitution Reform meeting Sawyer Community Center

Present: Lyz Jaakola, Cheryl Edwards, John Roterman, Jacob Dunlap, Joyce La Porte, Joyce's sister, Wayne DuPuis, Tara Kimmel

Old business: We need to review the flyer production; revisit our budget modifications to include a Secretary Position and wireless hub. The RBC will be providing an iPad and possible office space to the group.

Lyz recapped highlights of MCT delegates meeting in Minneapolis from June 21, 2019 facilitated by Carrie Aspenwall. Discussion about the need for legal counsel. We are currently provided legal counsel by the TEC but may want to include additional legal advisors once we draft a new constitution. Five (5) top priorities identified at the MSP meeting follows:

1. Enrollment
2. Governance
3. Language/Culture
4. Education
5. Natural Resources/Land (tied)
Community Engagement/Communications (tied)

Dale Green presented the perspective to be considered, "Who were we as Anishinaabe people before the use of Treaties?" Do treaties define us? How do we overcome the borders that currently divide Anishinaabe Country?

The Mission Statement/Preamble was revisited.

Three perspectives of Constitution work was highlighted: amending, reforming and revoking.

New Business: Most recent enrollment projections: Adults 3340, Minors 766.

Developing a civics course for community training.

Planning the FdL sponsored MCT Delegate Convention Friday August 16.

Action items: An Anishinaabe Nation Gathering in Keeseekowenin First Nation, Manitoba happening August 13-16 was presented. The discussion about strengthening relationships and successful partnerships within our Nation is the intention of the gathering. It was agreed to request sponsorship from the RBC.

Obtain a copy of Red Lake's Constitution draft for review.

Consider a future training: "Tribal Constitutions, Bylaws and Ordinances: Developing and Rewriting Your Documents" from the Falmouth Institute for the MCT delegates.

Secretary Job announcement needs completion and request for applications with qualifications included. Possibly recruiting a student.

Developing questions for breakout sessions during August 16 MCT Delegate Convention at BBRC based around the top 5 priorities identified in Minneapolis. ie: How would you define tribal enrollment? What would a reformed tribal government look like? What forces are influencing our contemporary laws?

Next scheduled meeting date
Tuesday July 09
5:00 – 8:00pm
Cloquet Community Center