

MCT Constitution Convention Meeting Minutes

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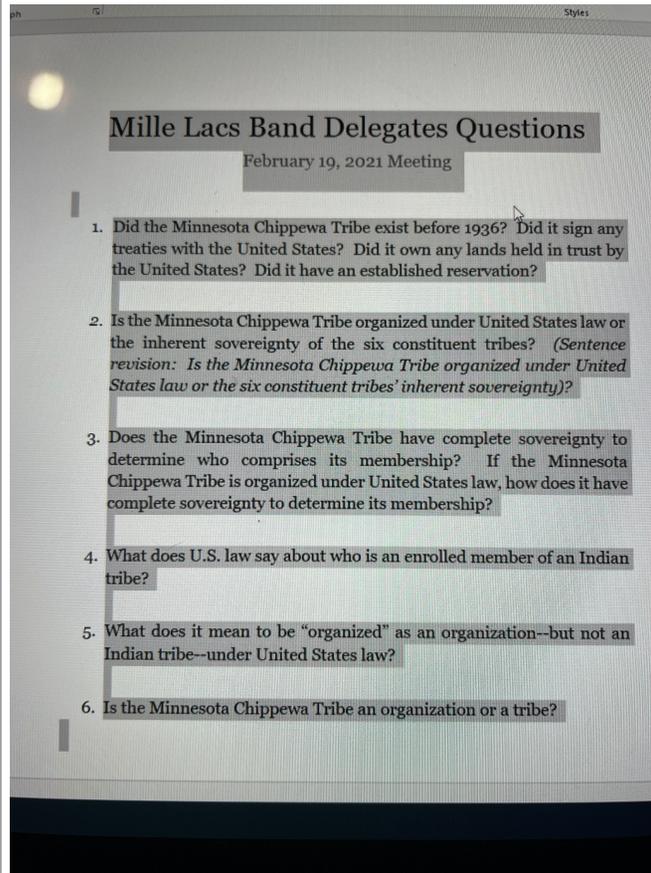
Agenda Item and person presenting	Discussion	
Delegation role call	Leech Lake Urban Carried Aspinwall WE Louie Johansen FDL Lyz Jaakola MLB Michele Palomaki WE - Maureen Jones Valerie H GP Sandra Borden FDL Steve Thomas Wayne Dupuis FDL FDL Ricky Defoe BF - Niiganabik Mille Lacs- Al Olson Tom MLB FDL Cheryl Edwards Connie Saaristo LL - Sally Fineday GP - Jason Burnett WE - Douglas Lee Nagajiwonong Awanikwe BF Mattie DeCarlo BF Mil Holmes WE Char Ellis MLB - Birdie Roberts Muriel Deegan BF WE Sybil Gund (White Earth) Ogiima Gizhiig Binesi MLB —Perry Skinaway, Jr. Danielle Smith-MLB-District 1	Jolyn Donnell Maria Costello Mike's iPad Raymond Bellcourt Tracy Dagen Michael Smith Jr. GP - Michele Beeksma Todd S - ML LL - Rose Robinson patty Straub @ng3l Wally's iPhone Jolyn-W.E. Alan Roy Phoebe Davis Joy Annette Maria Costello Marcy GP
Invocation	Ricky Defoe gave the invocation.	

Housekeeping	<p>Sally Fineday presented voting protocol. 3 attempts at consensus at the band level then a majority vote Document states our workflow and our overall way of proceeding through the process Wayne presented project management approach to aid process and explained the change of topic for today from government structure to enrollment due to the upcoming meeting on March 4, 2021 with the TEC concerning regarding enrollment.</p>	
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Enrollment I	<p>Wayne Dupuis read resolution 31-16 calling for a vote of MCT enrollees to include First Nation Anishinabe blood as part of “Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood.” Wayne Dupuis read resolution 31-15 calling for a vote of MCT enrollees to include other federally recognized Anishinabe/Ojibway/Chippewa blood as part of “Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood.” Wayne Dupuis read a proposed resolution calling for a vote making everyone 1/4 blood or more on the “1941 base roll” full blood due to trouble correcting errors in this roll. Jason Burnett stated his concern about TEC changing the topic of this meeting and asked what was the motive and why does this issue need to addressed now. Carrie Aspinwall explained that her and Cheryl Edwards presented our report to the TEC at their last meeting. At that meeting, enrollment was raised at an issue. TEC were surprised by our progress and asked for the March 4 meeting. She did not know why specifically it was needing to be addressed. Birdie Roberts explained her understanding as each band is to come up with questions for the TEC. Douglas Lee presented his research on White Earth enrollment that has dropped and will continue to drop due to an inability to return to full blood. He also stated we asked the TEC not to make any changes without consultation with us and that is what they are doing with this meeting. Jason Burnett asked that MCT provide projected consequences of the inclusion of new members. Wayne Dupuis presented a report from 2014 projecting consequences of different inclusionary methods.</p>	

MCT Enrollment	<p>Jason Burnett asked for time to consider this report and also due to the sharp change in direction of our project</p> <p>WE stated these reports have not taken in consideration the heroin epidemic and flaws in the Wilder report</p> <p>GP is down from 25 fluent speakers to 1 fluent speaker, blood quantum is a racist construct, wants to know if those that are dead on the 1941 will be made full blood so their lines can become enrolled.</p> <p>LL - reports and the effect of heroin deaths are scary, has the TEC looked at all of this to see the effect, including out of home placement</p> <p>Cheryl shared official memorandum concerning March 4th</p> <p>WE - wants families to be able to make people who are addicted to go to treatment, when it stopped death rate rose</p> <p>BF - said commitments are tough at the county level but are possible, her family worked for 5 months when her family member decided to go to treatment because the member knew they were serious</p> <p>Jolyn stated 1941 roll has known flaws and that we have never taken a roll and we should take our own roll for a first</p> <p>Jason Burnett stated he want blood quantum eliminated and each community should able to exercise their own sovereignty and determine their membership</p> <p>Patty Straub - current enrollees are concerned about losing benefits</p> <p>LL these benefits are the thumb that the US government uses to control us and keep us under their control.</p> <p>Wayne shared a projection for FDL that can be put together in minutes if the tribe wishes to do it. We should seek permission to put these reports together to inform and support our actions.</p> <p>LL - wants for the MCT office to be more accessible and helpful toward gathering this information</p> <p>Phoebe - wants information gathered on descendency</p>	
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Birdie Roberts MLB - TEC Questions

MLB begins each topic with what do we know and what should we know
These are the current questions MLB seem to need to know before moving forward with this enrollment topic.



MLB is requesting a legal memorandum that answers these questions.
A discussion about sovereignty and letting the US legal definitions be the answers to these questions

A live document was created to record our opinions on blood quantum, forming questions, and suggesting solutions.

Structure Governance Ray Belcourt	Draft white earth constitution 1998 shared with the delegation for our consideration.	
Committee Reports	<p>TEC committee- finances discussed, report of progress given, collaboration sought with this delegation on the subject of enrollment</p> <p>Finance Committee report Sally met with Gary Frazier to determine needs. Finance Committee created Convention Finance Policy and Reimbursement Form for Delegate use. Education committee- good participation from all bands, education topics pushed to a later date due to enrollment discussion, need to finish pre-MCT history, then MCT history, and eventually rights of nature, Survey committee - need more participation, need examples, and and more questions, survey monkey suggested as cost effective resource</p> <p>Drafting committee- nothing new except continuing to work on paring down the number of preambles toward one that captures what they all were speaking to</p> <p>Requests for marketing strategies such as a newsletter and exploring tiktok.</p> <p>Overall, better committee participation was requested</p>	
Enrollment solutions	(Continued on live document)	
Next meeting	<p>March 19, 2021 9am to 4pm Mille Lacs Hosting</p> <p>Facilitation committee agrees to meet earlier so the Agenda is out by March 6, 2021.</p>	