

MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Date: 6/6/23 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

Present: Raymond B., Wally S. Julie H-C., Rita E.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Grand Council Bylaws

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reviewed outcome of voting on 6/2/23

- Remove Secretary of the Interior-5 Bands voted "yes," White Earth voted "No."
- Enrollment is handled by individual Band
- Remove Blood Quantum
- Strike ¼ Blood Quantum
- 32-15 resolution

2. Draft of Roles and Responsibilities of Spokesperson, co-spokesperson, and Secretary

3. Consensus and Super Majority were discussed.

4. Need to name the governing body that will implement and enforce the laws

5. Taxation discussion-years ago, our governing bodies made deals with the state. Even though the federal law barred the state from collecting taxes on reservations, it was done. The TEC should have put this issue up for a referendum so the people could determine whether they wanted to give up their tax exemption. It took place without our knowledge and consent. Our government gets kickbacks that go into a used fund called discretionary funds. There is no accountability. That money could help our people. We need to address this.

6. Address the enrollment Card-keep 1/4 Blood Quantum on the back for receiving benefits.

7. Discussed standardized education with the Church money.

Actions:

Next meeting: 6/13/2023 at 6 PM