

MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Date: 7/25/23 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

Present: Marcie M., Rita E., Raymond B., Gerald W. Jean S-L

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussed the meaning of the Preamble
 - There is this illusion that the Preamble is the important part of the document.
 - It should state the intentions, beliefs, philosophy.
 - Typically, describe why the document is being adopted.
 - It set forth the constitution's purpose, the foundational principles of government, and the nation's aims or key goals.
 - The rationale is often to secure community rights guaranteed to tribes by their inherent sovereignty, treaties or laws.
2. Discussed changed language in Article XI Citizenship. Agree on Lineal Descent. It is based on bloodline.
3. Use of original allottee records. Caution- White Earths Allotment had two rows Indian and Non-Indian. The first allotment went to a non-Indian a female, last name Lynch.
4. I lot of people did not show for annuities. There are annuities back to 1880, review them, this should get the most people identified.
4. Have we reviewed the White Earth Pie-Chart? We may want to look at it again.
5. We need to talk with Beth Drost and the enrollment staff.
6. Eliminate RBC & TEC. Create a new governing system.
7. Name the council that implements and enforces the law as the Administration and Supervision Council.
8. All council members and governing body members will receive training. Need a Handbook.
9. ICRA is "Rights without Remedies."
10. Public Law 280 can be rescinded.
11. White Earth announced that Nib as Historian.
12. Discussion on Taxation.
13. Jean S-L spoke about her frustration with meetings about mining and water quality. She has not been able to get notice of them attending. She said there are issues with Mille Lacs.

Actions:

1. Rita will look at the Charter and see what protection in it can be use in Alliance.
2. Raymond will try to find the Original Allottee list of White Earth with the Two Columns (Indian and White).
3. Carol will review White Earth's proposed governance plan.

Next meeting: 8/1/2023 at 6 PM