

Leech Lake – Duluth Area Local Indian Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
AICHO Bldg., 202 W. 2nd St., Duluth
January 17, 2017

Gayle Daniel called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m.

Members present: Gayle Daniel, Cheryl Van Guilder, Laura Van Guilder, Pat Garbow-Long, Nancy Dudley and Jan Nelson

MOTION by Nancy Dudley, Second by Jan Nelson to approve the agenda; carried 5-0

MOTION by Nancy Dudley, Second by Laura Van Guilder to approve the December 20, 2016 minutes; carried 5-0

Old Business

- a. Tribal Enrollment – Tribal ID's schedule for February 2016 in Duluth on a weekday; Laura will work with them to set this up
- b. Leech Lake Financial Services Workshop – the Duluth office possibly hosting a financial workshop at same time or near the date/time of the Tribal ID event to get more people involved; Laura is working on scheduling for this potential event; contact Rob Aitkin or Lynn Allen from LLBO Financial Services
- c. CPR/First Aid Training – The Duluth office hosted a CPR and first aid training put on by the Leech Lake EMS division; another training is in the works to be offered to anyone interested; there would be no cost to band members who want to attend

New Business

- a. Open Discussion
 - Avis Poupart, Elder Services Director for LLBO spoke about Elder services, working with Essentia, St Luke's, Hennepin County Medical Center and Ramsey County to hire health advocate who would work with community members; Leech Lake is trying to ascertain if Duluth will have an elder advocate; they are looking at the demographics to see if the numbers match up with Duluth needs for an elder advocate; A community member wanted to know what is the process to get glasses and why do some elders who go to Fond Du Lac clinic get glasses paid for by Leech Lake and some don't, Avis said she doesn't know why; There are 74 enrolled elders and 366 total enrolled members in the Duluth area; Brian Brunelle is in charge of Health Services and Avis works under his direction
 - Penny DeVault attended and wanted to know if there were any ideas or suggestions for working with the community; she will set up a date/time to have people come and meet/talk with her and an assistant, they could come here during our next meeting on February 21, 2017 and have a meet and greet during Duluth office hours on February 22, 2017; she mentioned the Kids perch jerk and that transportation and a driver could be provided for Duluth area kids who want to go; Pat Garbow-Long asked about starting up a new regalia this year but needs the go ahead, Penny said that she is good to go ahead with a new class of a different group of participants and to be sure to take pictures to document the class

- Faron Jackson spoke also; he didn't know that Eva had the glasses thing figured out so well; he mentioned the Shingobee Island project for a sports bar, marina, and casino; he said the Leech Lake will be lobbying for funds for housing; he talked about meetings with Enbridge about NO pipelines going through the Leech Lake reservation and that Enbridge needs to clean up Line 3 and not to abandon it; Leech Lake is in the negotiation stages to make a new Palace casino in Cass Lake by Hwy 2; he talked about having 10-12 unit complexes in the communities for Elders and Vets; he said that Elders on the reservation are taking care of their grandchildren without any monetary assistance; Pam Michaud is the new ICWA (Indian child welfare act) director on the reservation and we can invite Pam to come here to talk with us if we request it
- James Monchamp spoke about dealing with the finances being re-structured; looking at housing program; how we spend our respective money; and unnecessary travel; he said that anytime you have a problem or issue, bring it forward and they will research it

b. Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at AICHO

MOTION by Pat Garbow-Long, second by Nancy Dudley to Adjourn at 6:49 p.m.; Carried 5-0

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Duluth Area Local Indian Council; regular meeting held January 17, 2017; Duluth, Minnesota.



Cheryl L. Van Guilder
Secretary/Treasurer

Leech Lake Duluth Area Local Indian Council