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Minutes from Twin Cities Local Indian Council April 29, 2014
 Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
 2300 15th Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55404



Invocation - Miigwech Larry Madigan

Call meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Roll call:

Excused absence	Richard White
Excused absence	Lori Jackson
Excused absence	Joe Regguinti

X	Carrie Day Aspinwall
Unexcused absence	Laurie Harper
X	Judy Brunner

X	Shannon Edberg
X	Christine Roy
Unexcused absence	Ombaazhibineziik

Additions to the agenda

- Carrie Day-Aspinwall wants to add ICWA under the Secretary/Treasurer report - Karen Brown will be attend tonight to give report. LIC sent letter up formally requesting them to be a part of the agenda. Pete Paquette is Ed's supervisor and Pete did not see the letter.
- Jeannie Howard suggested a monthly report from the TCO - Nicole Roy will be giving a report.
- Under New Business we'll hear from Carri Jones about Seneca cigarettes

Reading and Acceptance of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

- Larry Madigan asked: Budget was increased? No the budget was revised
- Carrie Day-Aspinwall went six years back and we've been sending money back

Chair Report

- *Local Indian Council upcoming elections: JUNE 10* Wanted to be clear about eligibility. All Leech Lake Band members can apply - see application for requirements. Carrie Day-Aspinwall asked administration if the application is okay. Carri Jones said that the application was a great start and that the LIC By-Laws still have not come to the RBC. Election oversight committee has been formed and members include: Larry Madigan, Dawn Morgan-Smith, Howard White, and John Blessing. They will be stipend'ed - where does the money come from? Must come from LIC budget, LIC must approve this expense and include it on the budget in future years. Last year it was a volunteer position.

Secretary Treasurer Report

- Our Secretary Treasurer has not been present, so other members are stepping in. Budget revision has been the first item. Carrie Day-Aspinwall would like a budget review to be a part of the regular practice at the Twin Cities Local Indian Council meetings. We need Twin Cites constituents to support proposals to increase our budget. Fiscal year is over June 30. Jeannie Howard asked if LIC members get paid even if they don't attend the meeting? The answer is no, please see the sign in sheet, all LIC members who are present get a stipend. We will be making recommendations about travel soon.
- 2013/2014 Spend Down Recommendation - we won't be sending any money back
 1. Stipends to members who attend meeting
 2. Food at the next couple LIC meetings
 3. Meeting Expenses - coffee pot, paper plates. Lori Jackson will be going to buy a big plastic storage bin to keep paper plates
- Seek band input for upcoming year 2014/15 at the next meeting

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1. Carrie Day Aspinwall is thinking quarterly feasts to build kinship
2. Yearly memorial for people that have passed on
3. Sticky note exercise for next month's input towards the
4. Cultural traditional activities - ceremonies - naming
5. Youth involvement and teachings - value your education campaign
6. Identify some sort of agency to help out the band members at Blin Di Gain and think about the idea of creating an emergency preparedness plan

TCO Report

- Elders and TCO employees attended Elder abuse conference; Peggy White requested that the TCO make some guidelines (must attend workshops) for attendance including a report back to the office
- Assistance with groceries and \$300 elders fund - TCO has a lot of resources to find help for elders. 55+ or have a disability can sign up
- Tutoring - no one really shows up
- Is there a database to reach members? Elders don't know a lot about computers and it would be great to have a youth and elder computer lab. TCO is getting new computers
- Bus cards, gas cards, or help with rent - what happens with that request? 54 and younger can request this as a resource. Also help with people who get stuck down here. Dawn (TCO office manager) has been working on getting more resources. Nicole Roy says that they are overwhelmed with requests - there are more requests than there are resources.
- Attended job fair for stadium and a couple Native men attended. Potential employees must have their GED and that prohibits people from getting jobs

ICWA Report

- Behavior health services
- Child protection services
- Foster care services
- Provide case management by person who is Native American
- 85 cases open on Leech Lake children
- Will be walking for Leech Lake at the American Indian Month Kick Off with the Leech Lake Behavioral Health banner

Unfinished Business

- *LIC By-Laws* Ongoing discussion about how the officers get elected. With input from Nicole Buckanaga, Curtis Buckanaga, Shannon Edberg and Carrie Day Aspinwall, the analysis is that the councils individually will be able to decide how officers will be elected. The Twin Cities Leech Lake Local Indian Council will elect the board, and then the community will elect officers at the next LIC meeting. For example in the next LIC election cycle we'll elect the full board in June and the constituents at the July LIC meeting will elect officers. We need to have the election ordinances from 1992. Election of officers will be presented at the next LLTCLIC meeting in May. Carri Jones talked about how we don't have to keep the same government; for example, Mille Lacs elders have a lot of input into their government. It looks favorable, but we'll ask constituents for more input, and then ask LIC to approve the by-laws and send to the RBC. Doug Fairbanks stated we must have room for revision; ratify what we have now and then work to revise the content. This isn't the first time that a large issue was brought to Leech Lake in the middle of election season; Enbridge did something similar in the past. Nicole Buckanaga asked if we can sue the state for revenue lost and Carri Jones said that would be a possibility.

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New Business

- Band member only meeting to hear more about Seneca cigarettes will be tomorrow at the new chamber room RTC building. Last six months Leech Lake has been negotiating with the state, including possible free college education for all band members or governor signing land into trust in the cities. State has not approved any of these. They are now withholding 6 millions dollars. We've sold 7.1 million packs of cigarettes. On April 10 the cigarettes from the Ho-Chunk Nation. Now, the state is holding 3.5 million dollars, which goes into our general fund. People come from all over to buy cigarettes from us and this will affect our \$200 winter money. The state is illegally withholding the taxes because the agreement does not state that they can and this nullifies the agreement. Ho-Chunk is meeting with ATF soon and will be asking why the nation-to-nation sovereignty isn't being respected. Carrie Day Aspinwall asked what those in the cities could do to help. One thing we have to emphasize is that it's not a political agenda and the council plans to support each other and stand strong.

Miscellaneous

- Congratulations to Jeannie Howard who was voted onto the East Phillips Board!
- If you find resources, events, ideas, please bring them to the LIC meeting and share
- 2014 American Indian Month Kick-off is May 1st
- City of Minneapolis Passed a resolution to recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous People's Day

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm