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Minutes from Twin Cities Local Indian Council June 24, 2014  
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center  
2300 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55404



Invocation - Milgwech Geneva Lawrence

Call meeting to order at 6:14 pm

Roll call:

X	Richard White (Chairperson)	X	Carrie Day Aspinwall (Vice Chair)	X	Shannon Edberg (Community Representative)
Excused absence	Lori Jackson (Community Representative)	Excused absence	Laurie Harper (Secretary Treasurer)	X	Christine Roy (Elder Advocate)
X	Joe Regguinti (Community Representative)	X	Judy Brunner (Youth Representative)		

**Additions to the agenda**

- Carri Jones would like to take a few minutes to share information

**Reading and Acceptance of the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

- May Minutes have not been submitted at this time
- June Mid-month meeting minutes read and accepted
  - Carrie talked about the precedent for cancelling meetings, they have never been cancelled because of lack of quorum
  - Guidance on the mid-month meeting open or closed?
  - Motion to extend the expired seats for LIC members
  - Jeannie Howard suggested a possibility that the LIC might find a board training helpful. Shannon mentioned that it would be great to include annual board training and include it in the next fiscal year's budget. Chris Roy talked about the possibility of having Robert Lilligren to complete this type of training.

**Chair Report**

- Attendance It's great to have a quorum here tonight.
- General Election is completed and the swearing in ceremony is July 3, 2014 with the quarterly meeting afterwards.
- Mid-month Meeting Richard feels strongly that the mid-month meeting is very valuable and should continue.
  - Carrie Day Aspinwall asked "Are the mid-month meetings open or closed to constituents?" If you receive public money you should have open meetings, also open meetings lend to transparency. Larry Madigan attended a mid-month meeting and didn't felt welcomed, but would like to attend other mid-month meetings. Howard White suggested that it looks like we're hiding something if the meeting is closed. Jeannie Howard suggested that it would be great to have an additional open meeting so that constituents can have more opportunity to participate and voice their opinion. Richard White talked about past year's closed meetings and understood that was the way we were operating. Betty Moore agreed it should be open. Joe Regguinti mentioned that it should be open, but that there are housekeeping things and it's difficult to have a set schedule. Shannon Edberg talked about mid-month meetings are a little more informal and that the council must be prepared to have even more organization in planning meeting dates, times and locations. Jeannie Howard shared that the boards she's on don't care about personal schedules and it's up to the individuals to make sure their schedule is cleared for meeting dates. Geneva Howard shared that the Local Indian Council is elected by the people for the people and the meetings should be open. Larry

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Madigan said that it was helpful to attend the meeting last night and said thank you for allowing him to be there. Shannon Edberg suggested that we create a description of each the LIC and mid-month meeting and who the typical audience may be.

MOTION by Carrie Day Aspinwall that the mid month meetings are open meetings and that it's publicized broadly to include the Twin Cities Office in the communications, seconded by Shannon Edberg, approved.

#### Secretary Treasurer Report

- Our Secretary Treasurer is not been present and we are at a loss for a report. We have been working without the Secretary Treasurer and we're all taking a little piece of the responsibility. Carrie Day Aspinwall would like to get input from the constituents about the budget, including feedback about fulfilling community engagement and basic needs. Just know that just because our Secretary Treasurer hasn't been here we're still moving forward.

Richard wanted to recognize and appreciate the Leech Lake members from up north Chris Haugene, Curtis Buckanaga, Phil Gavere, LeRoy Fairbanks, Carri Jones, Pete Paquette and Curtis Buckanaga.

#### Unfinished Business

- *Local Indian Council Elections* We need more details in the operational manual about the timing of elections, how we'll hold the elections. We need more information about the process, including election of officers. Last year we elected LIC officers by secret ballots. Howard White would like to take his name off of the LIC election board. Dawn Morgan said that there isn't an election ordinance and that needs to be created first. Dawn Morgan also asked about the executive board, would those positions be voted on from the community. Four seats are open; one of those seats being a youth appointment.

MOTION to extend the three currently expired seats through the end of September 2014 by Carrie Day Aspinwall, seconded by Chris Roy, approved.

- *Operational Manual Update* Richard White would like to be a part of that committee, along with Carrie Day Aspinwall and Chris Roy.
- *ICWA Urban Representative* This is a volunteer position. Previously held by Barb Omaha, but Carrie Day Aspinwall would like to receive formal paperwork showing that she's not currently holding that position. This is a tabled discussion. Carrie Day Aspinwall asked if the council wants to put out a call of interest and make a recommendation based on the people coming forth. Chris, Richard, Shannon and Joe agree with that.

#### New Business

- *Travel to Quarterly Meeting* Which council members are interested in attending? Dates July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am. Richard and Carrie are interested and will both attend, then give a report to the Twin Cities LIC during the July meeting. Jeannie Howard asked that Richard and Carrie give a full report to the RBC about what is going on with Twin Cities band members.

#### Announcements

- Carri Jones introduced her two interns who are receiving college credit for a four-week tribal government experience. Leech Lake obtained one million dollars from the Shakopee Mdewakanton. August 21<sup>st</sup> will be the State of the Band Address. Rick Nolan will be present, flying in from Washington. Carri discussed the issues with Seneca cigarettes. During the election there was no movement on making plans. This is a sovereignty issue because the state is limiting the

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tribal government to tribal government economic development. We currently have no plans to move forward and waiting for new RBC members to be seated.

- Congratulations to Judy Brunner whose softball team, the Minnesota Thunderbolts, qualified for the USSSA World Series in Florida.
- LeRoy Fairbanks wants to share that he does not have a criminal history and he worked hard to get a background check from the BCA to clarify the issue.

**Miscellaneous**

**Future Business**

Motion from Richard White to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carrie Day Aspinwall, approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm