MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION Delegate Meeting

May 17, 2019 Grant Portage Lodge & Casino Grand Portage, Minnesota

Billy Blackwell – it's incredible what John has done. We now own a larger percent of the original reservation. 80% of the reservation at Mineral Center area, large areas put into preservation areas, no permanent structures, hunting and other exploitative activities. We have to tape John and others who have knowledge about Gichionigaming.

Education updates from each reservation- what we have done and sharing. Curt, Mille Lacs gave testimony and placed the statement into the public record. White Earth, Patty of district 2, we are floundering in the education area but the people present in the meetings are asking for education. We have attended 5 MCT delegate meetings and we are in process of planning the July meeting in which we will bring in educational materials and knowledgeable speakers. One night per month with education session on the reservation. Likes Mille Lac work of putting together a booklet.

Leech Lake – we are continuing to host education seminars at our LIEC meetings. We want to share the info we receive at the monthly delegates meetings. Send out postcards to band members in the urban areas. They are hosting the meeting for June in Mpls. We need to communicate, count our people in anticipation of the referendum to adopt the new constitution. Key words "inclusion is a must." Gather urban offices together to inform people about participation for June meeting in the cities. Outreach to people to get participation so they can learn how this impacts them. We are grateful to disseminate info in the cities. Jason, LL – mentioned how Phil states 30% of people entitled to vote, need to in the referendum. It won't pass if there aren't enough people voting. Zaagi-bagang is helping with the education process. Set up an education and voting committee in whoi we reach out to non-profits to help us with the voting and reaching people.

Rick Anderson "are changes in the TEC going to change the voting formula." Sally Fineday LL we will have a booth at the upcoming pow wow to distribute info about the constitution.

Next meeting – June 21 10th avenue and Lake Street, at Division of Indian Work, Sheraton Inn across the street for lodging

Millie – we haven't been having community meetings but we had outreach booth at our pow wow. We had an sign up sheet. Another booth at our State of the Band address. A lot of people don't want to go online, instead they want to meet in person and have the actual physical document.

Fond du Lac, Liz Jaakola- our reservation has been having community meetings and this is our third round. We post online, in tribal paper etc. she is tech person and another person writes the content. Various professionals are involved for outreach purposes. "we are building momentum, we are building trust." We also network at graduations and other activities. Grand Portage, Larry Manthey, we created a subcommittee for education/communication we meet the second Friday of every month. Most of the questions we get locally are local concerns such as transparency, rather than issues at tribal level. We search the constitution to see if these are addressed.

Phoebe Davis – indigenous liaison, official connection with the Duluth community. Survey workshop – Rick Anderson, Beth Drost and Michele Hakala-Beeksma

We have come together to start the process of writing the survey. We will start before lunch ad work after lunch. I hope you brought your questions from your reservation. first question: how many looked at the lake today? How many rode in a car with someone else? What's the coolest thing you saw today? Serious question: what makes you want to speak up? Talk with your table for three minutes and find three things that make you want to speak up.

Necessity, anger or intense emotion or someone requests Passion, injustice Curiosity, information or Transparency, see something wrong

Nelson Act talk about that, didn't want to lose any more time or energy, speak up for grandchildren, children and elders, we don't want to become paralyzed, ancestors who are pushing us forward and supporting us

Educating descendents, getting knowledge of elders to our community speak up when leadership goes contrary to community, when constitution is invalidated, After lunch we will get into the specific survey questions. Put notes on post its. We are going to get some basic survey taking skills down. If you don't want to answer the question, that fine. 1st question: What does the constitution mean to you? Answer this question with one word and write it on the post it paper.

Now we will break for lunch and we will continue with the workshop after lunch

Survey questions from the reservations of the MCT

White Earth

What do people think of either doing away with absentee voting or returning it to the original way it was intended. Please give your opinion. The original intention was for people in the military, hospitals or away at school and cannot get home to vote. Should we speak up when leadership is going beyond the scope of their authority and doing things contrary to the Constitution.

Mille Lacs

Are you aware the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is currently involved in a Constitutional Convention process to consider making changes to the MCT Constitution that all Bands must follow?

Yes	no	

Do you thing changes should be made to the MCT Constitution? Yes no uncertain

Why or why not? (please provide a brief answer in the space below)

Are you aware that the MCT required all Bands to choose delegates to represent each Band at the MCT Constitution Reform discussions, and that a Mille Lacs Band Delegation Committee is currently representing Band Members during these MCT Constitution Reform discussions?

Yes no

The MLB Delegation Committee is responsible for providing updates and information to Band Members concerning the MCT Constitution Reform discussions. How would you like to receive these updates? Circle all that apply:

Facebook MLB website mail band newspaper in-person at meetings Other (please write answer)

How often would you like to receive updates? (please circle one)

Weekly monthly quarterly not interested

Grand Portage
What do you feel is most important to our people?
Should each band of the MCT have their own constitution?
Should each band of the MCT be able to determine their own memberhip?

Fond du Lac What is the purpose of the constitution? How do we shape our efforts to reflect our culture?

Bois Forte What will be the name? ie Anishinabe, Ojibwe, Chippewa

Should we remain within the MCT?
Yes no

Should the current requirement of one quarter MCT blood quantum be abolished?