

**Leech Lake – Duluth Area Local Indian Council**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
AICHO Bldg., 202 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Duluth  
November 15, 2016

Cheryl VanGuilder called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

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

Members absent: Gayle Daniel

**MOTION** by Nancy Dudley, Second by Jan Nelson to approve the agenda; carried 4-0

**MOTION** by Jan Nelson, Second by Nancy Dudley to approve the October 18, 2016 minutes; carried 4-0

**Old Business**

- a. Laptop – PO was to be submitted for us for laptop purchase from Che We Supply, even though we originally requested funds to purchase a laptop and printer from Best Buy in Duluth at a much lower cost. We were directed to purchase a laptop and printer from Che We so there has been a hold up on this.
- b. Budget – Laura received our 2017 fiscal year budget; all budgets were cut by a percentage not just ours; James Monchamp said that Leech Lake is “Three million dollars in the hole but we’ll make do.” He also stated, “Don’t hesitate to make your requests.”
- c. Thanksgiving – Superone gift cards and one pound of wild rice will be given out Wednesday 11/16/16 from noon to 7:00 p.m. at AICHO in the LLBO Duluth Office. One gift card and one pound of rice per household, however if there are eight or more in a household then two gift cards and two pounds of rice will be given.
- d. Winter Feast – Tentatively scheduled for December 3 or 18, 2016 from 12:00-4:00 pm at AICHO Trepanier Hall depending on Toys for Tots; we are not sure if the toys will be received this year; we will be sending up our request for funds and door prizes this week. LLBO will need a count of kids from the gift card household forms to be completed on Wednesday 11/16/16. Laura and Dawn are going to try some fundraising for door prizes, food, etc. Faron said they can get some band members to provide music, etc. Let James know what we want to do for elders etc., contact assistant Diane for extra rice, turkeys, entertainment, etc.

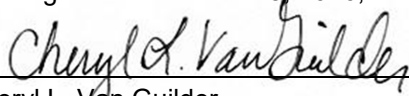
**New Business**

- a. Faron Jackson, Chairperson – He said it’s been interesting 5 months and changes have been made; they are trying to do more with less; LLBO will be trying to lobby for grant funds this year; they will be looking at a lot of diff options, especially for elders and vets; there is a new elder advocate: Avis; If we want her to attend next meeting, let James know; LLBO is working on a job description for elder advocate for Duluth; Pam Michaud is the new elder director and she may be able to come to Duluth to meet with elders as well
- b. Open Discussion
  - The Duluth LIC will be under the Chairperson’s direction again instead of District 1
  - Question: Why can’t Duluth get the same door prizes that other LIC’s were getting like televisions, iPads, etc. for Christmas Feast?
  - Faron wants all urban elders to be able to attend the elder event at Northern Lights on December 13th
  - Faron wanted to know how much to rent this space – the monthly rent also includes the use of Trepanier Hall
  - Faron asked if people come in for bus passes; Laura had inquired about bus passes but the DTA does not do any special deals
  - Question: Is the Duluth office going to be closing? Faron said this is not true and longer office hours are a possibility depending on needs

- James Monchamp, Executive Director said they have budget constraints, however, don't hesitate to still ask for assistance with whatever we are planning; from catering to advertising because they have the resources. He also said that LLBO can assist with gas and rooms for Duluth Elders to attend the elder feast; a block of rooms will be set aside; The elders feast will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> at Northern Lights; contact Diane Osceola to let her know who will be attending and who needs a room/gas
- c. Next Meeting – December 20, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at AICHO – email Chairperson's office if we need someone here at our meetings ahead of time

**MOTION** by Nancy Dudley, second by Pat Garbow-Long to Adjourn at 6:30 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 November 15, 2016; Duluth, Minnesota.



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Cheryl L. Van Guilder  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Leech Lake Duluth Area Local Indian Council