Aboriginal Action Circle

Minutes of the September 25th, 2013 Meeting

1. At 5:30 P.M. the opening Pray and Smudging Ceremony was given by our beloved Elder, Albert Dumont.
2. At 6:06 P.M. the meeting was called to order by the Chair, Tony Nicolas.
3. In attendance; Elder Albert Dumont, Resource Person Stephanie Penwarden, Chair Tony Nicholas, Treasurer Toni Mathews, Secretary Marie-Louise Larocque, Julie Toulose, John Henri Commanda, John Jewitt, James Lumsden.
4. Regrets; Cleo Big Eagle, Debbie Black, Manon Lacroix,

Brian Nahwegezhic, Renamaria Young.

1. The Agenda was approved as amended with the delition of #9 as Marie-Louise will be staying. Toni Mathews motioned, John Henri Commanda 2nd and the motion was carried.
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes (minutes of June 26th, 2013), Tony Nicholas motioned, Toni Mathews 2nd, and the motion was carried.
3. Business arising from previous meeting minutes:

John Henri Commanda took the position of Chair so that Toni Nicolas could make a motion and speak to the motion.

Tony Nicolas motioned to create a sub-committee for the purpose of recruiting new members and in invite all members to a team building retreat in the spring of 2014.

Toni Mathews 2nd.

Discussion:

John Jewitt - Friendly amendment to consider removing the word retreat.

Moved by John Jewitt and 2nd by James Lumsden.

Discussion:

Tony Nicolas speaks against removing the word retreat and adds that a retreat should be planned for every year.

Toni Mathews request the date of Spring 2014 be kept for planning purposes.

John Henri, “Part of recruitment is to make the Circle more visible in the community” and suggested 2 separate motions.

Tony Nicolas withdraws his original motion and moves a new motion, to create a sub committee with the sole intention of recruitment. The sub-committee would report back every Circle meeting on their activities. James Lumsden 2nd.

Discussion: The sub-committee should be made up with 2 or 3 members.

This motion was carried.

2nd Motion by Tony Nicolas is to create a sub-committee to plan a Team Building Exercise in the Spring of 2014. 2nd by Toni Mathews.

Discussion: Previous plans made for this and perhaps the material can still be used.

This 2nd Motion was Carried.

Volunteers for Recruitment Committee: Tony Nicolas, James Lumsden and John Henri.

Volunteers for Team Building Exercise: Tony Nicolas, Toni Mathews and James Lumsden.

When minutes go out ask for volunteers for both committees.

Tony Nicolas has taken back the position of Chair, as the motion has been made and spoken to.

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1. Tribute to Marie-Louise Larocque for her retirement from her workplace – Marie-Louise was presented with a lovely card of appreciation, respect, and affection from the Circle and a great pink journal with a feather etched on the cover from Toni Mathews. I thank everyone for this and appreciate it very much.
2. # 9 was removed from the agenda as, Marie-Louise will be staying on as secretary.
3. Terms of Reference Working Group update.

The Terms of Reference was last revised in February 2013 and had been handed out for comments.

Discussion on the revised amended Terms of Reference.

The wording on the objectives of the Circle has been changed and has taken out the original objectives of the Circle and has made it too generic and losing the aboriginal specific objectives of the Circle.

Add to #3 PSAC members things that may be lost in

Comments:

From James Lumsden, The documents should be clear and concise.

From John Jewitt, good discussion, in view of our traditional values I would like to personally take back the document and review it.

John Henri, I have no objections to taking back the document for review.

All changes are to be sent to John Henri by October 9th, 2013.

John Henri will have a new revised document.

1. Quebec Charter of Values, Implications for Aboriginal members and others.

Edward Martin submitted this item to be on the agenda.

John Henri suggested that AAC and RVAC sign the letter that John Henri is drafting also John Henri will make a reference to our aboriginal history. John Henri will draft letters and AAC and RVAC in support of PSAC position and send out to members for review by October 25, 2013.

Tony Nicolas asked, what are our Quebec counterparts saying? This will be discussed at the upcoming NAPC meeting.

1. Upcoming NAPC meeting November 16, 2013.

Request for agenda items/discussion pieces and update.

AAC Agenda Items: (Stephanie will communicate with Edward to suggest)

1. Quebec Charter of Values.
2. Employment Equity numbers especially in regards to WFA.
3. PSAC Equity Conference November 18-22, 2013 in Toronto, Ontario

Everyone should get together before hand a PSAC staffer will co-ordinate.

1. Next NCR Council Meeting is October 5th, 2013. John Henri will be giving the AAC report.
2. NWA of Canada – October 4th, 2013 at 12:15 Parliament Hill.
3. Round Table

Tony Nicolas said a few words on NWA also there is bargaining training on October 4th, 2013.

Stephanie Pewarden spoke of the Pledge Cards to be signed, education schedule is out and about Take Back the Night at Minto Park September 26, 2013 at 6 P.M.

The AAC has agreed that the AGM will be Wednesday November 27, 2013.

John Henri co-facilitated a TUB course this weekend and will be preparing for the NCR Council Meeting.

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Albert Dumont, Good that our secretary is staying on. Can we try to have our meeting start at 5 P.M. and end no later than 8 P.M.

John Jewitt, the REVP has purchased a tent for all committees to use. John Henri motioned to table this to the next meeting 2nd by Toni Mathews, motion carried.

Discussion on recruiting events coming up middle of October and December at CAP, AGM and AFN.

1. Next Meeting October 23, 2013.
2. Closing Prayer for a good meeting a safe return home by our beloved Elder Albert Dumont.
3. Motion to adjourn at 8:07 P.M. by Julie Toulouse and 2nd by Toni Mathews, motion carried.