

MEETING MINUTES

LANGUAGE ADVISORY BOARD

Date: November 15, 2023

Meeting Scheduled: 4:45 pm – 6:00 p.m.

- I. 4:45 p.m. Meeting called to order by: Janis Fairbanks, Chairperson
- II. ROLL CALL

Board members:

Present: Wayne Dupuis, Janis Fairbanks, Sonny Peacock, Dawn LaPrairie, Veronica Smith

Absent: Vicki Reynolds, Sonny Greensky

Guests Present: Deb Northrup, Holly Pellerin, Jeff Savage

III. Approvals

1. Approval of Agenda as amended

Motion to approve agenda by Sonny Peacock, Second by Veronica Smith

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from October 18, 2023 by Veronica Smith, second by Sonny Peacock, unanimous approval.

3. Janis provided a travel report to Red Lake for the opening of Language building and program.

Motion to approve this report by Veronica Smith, second by Sonny Peacock. Carried by unanimous support.

4. Approval of purchase of books up to \$200 budgeted amount for 2023 for Language Advisory Board:

1. **Gaa-izhi-miinigoowizid a'aw Anishinaabe: What We Were Given as Anishinaabe**, by Lee Obizaan Staples and Chato Ombishkebines Gonzalez estimated \$20 MN Historical Society Press
2. **Seven Grandfathers Teachings** by James Vukelich estimated \$17 online
3. **Plums or Nuts** by Larry Amik Smallwood and Michael D. Sullivan Sr. estimated \$19
4. **Anishinaabe Niimi'ididing** by Obizaan Staples and Chato Ombishkebines Gonzalez estimated \$20 Target online paperback
5. **Aanjikiing/Changing Worlds** by Obizaan Staples and Chato Ombishkebines Gonzalez estimated \$20 online Target
6. **Zaagi and Bibooneonini** by Ailie Tibbetts estimated \$13 Amazon
7. **Ojibwe Discourse Markers** by Brendan Kishketon (Fairbanks) estimated \$23 Amazon paperback online
8. **Relativization** by Michael D. Sullivan Sr. estimated \$30 Target online paperback

Estimated book cost is \$169 before shipping costs

Motion to approve book purchases by Veronica Smith, second by Sonny Peacock. Carried by unanimous support.

Note: purchase orders and green sheets will be done by Vicki Reynolds, chair Budget & Finance committee. All orders to be sent before 12/31/2023.

IV. Old Business:

1. Review of Bylaws

Committee Chair Robert Peacock read the proposed changes to the bylaws for the board.

IV. New Business

1. Amendment of bylaws discussion

2. Board members reviewed suggested changes in attached document 06O.2023.10.25 Language Advisory Bylaws incorporated into the minutes by reference.

2a. Basic amendment changes were agreed to with one additional change to the group name.

2b. Amendment of bylaws draft proposal additional change to amend name change from GENAWENDANGIG to GENAWENDANJIG. The full new name reads NAGAAJIWANAANG GENAWENDANJIG ANISHINAAGBEMOWIN.

Motion that changes stated in item 2 above are approved and that bylaws and draft resolution are to be edited by Legal (Sean Copeland) and that Sean Copeland submits the Resolution to be put on RBC agenda for approval in upcoming RBC meeting.

Moved by Dawn LaPrairie, second by Veronica Smith, carried by unanimous approval.

3. Approval of bylaws draft resolution.

Note: The Motion in item 2 notes that the Resolution is to be revised by Legal (Sean Copeland) to match changes stated in item IV. 2 before submission to the RBC.

Division Director Jeff Savage stated that he will direct Language Program Coordinator Charles Smith to present the Resolution to amend the Language Advisory Board bylaws to the RBC. This information will be included in the changes and request sent to Sean Copeland on the bylaws amendment and the Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of NAGAAJIWANAANG GENAWENDANJIG ANISHINAABEMOWIN.

4. Next Special Meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 6:15 P.M. by Dawn LaPrairie

Minutes submitted by:

Wayne Dupuis, Secretary