

MIEA Conference
Holiday Inn Grand – Billings, MT
April 9 – 12, 2015

April 9th

Attendance: Sandra Boham, Joe Arrow Top, Jolena Hinchman, Thomas Brown, Melville Stops, Greg Gourneau, Michael Munson, Calli Nicholson, Arlene Augare

Fiscal Report:

- Travel expenses approved
- \$500 for gifts for bingo approved

Conference 2015 Organization Details:

- Meeting with hotel staff
- Programs picked up by Sandra
- Flowers for Saturday night's banquet were decided against
- Gifts
- Mix up for Melville's registration for last year by Pryor. He paid.
- Reception – Calli
- Registration – Jolena & Laneya
- Friday, First General Session – Michael & Greg
- Awards Dinner – Jolena
- Saturday, Second General Session – Sandra,
- Sunday, Third General Session – Joe – Thomas ended up filling in
- Bingo – Thomas
- Youth – Greg & Michael
- Elders – Arlene
- Raffle - Joe

Additional Agenda Items:

- Question about Jason and Kristen's membership and nomination for board – neither were members in good standing prior to nomination

April 12th

Attendance: Arlene, Joe, Melville, Greg, Thomas, Sandra, Jolena, Michael & Pat Calf Boss
Ribs

Pat Calf Boss Ribs is joining us, after his nomination, but his nominator was not a member in good standing. And, we don't have a record of his registration. If there's a fiscal report, where there's a record of payment being made to MIEA, we can produce and show that and move forward that way. Laneya is going to check through things and Pat is going to have Head Start look through their documentation, also. Waiting for hard documentation and move forward from there.

MIEA Meeting Minutes
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Elections:

- Chair – Thomas
- Vice Chair – Melville
- Secretary – Michael
- Treasurer – Sandra

For next meeting:

- Report about Doyles’s fundraising - Sandra, Thomas, and Laneya
- Joe is proposing:
 - bringing a facilitator in to help us determine what our goals are
 - holding meetings in communities
 - retreats
 - youth dance
- Difficulties
 - Loss of money
 - People don’t look at website
- How to motivate membership
- Meet with Laneya
- Goals
- Tahj Kjelland – Humanities Montana Sponsorship
- Jolena’s Save the Date
- MEA-MFT –
 - How do we do a hospitality room sponsorship?
 - How do we advertise?
 - Can anyone be the MEA-MFT Representative?
 - Can we sponsor a keynote speaker?