



Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community News

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1351 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota, MN 55150

55150 MMDC is a Tribal 501C3 Organization

VOTING MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS:

Our Constitution requires that we have a minimum of 10 members attending to conduct any business so we hope to see you there!

Responsibilities for monthly Tribal Council meetings include:

- Attend meetings.
- Create agendas & take minutes.
- Type up those minutes and submit them to the Tribal Council for review and approval.

Responsibilities for Monthly Voting Membership meetings include:

- Attend meetings.
- Create agendas & take minutes.
- Type up those minutes and submit them to the Voting Membership for review and approval.
- Submit minutes to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

Winter : 2018



Message from Sharon:

Hello everyone!

Our last Wacipi or Pow Wow was a record in sales and attendance. Thank you to all our volunteers!

We had a fry bread class at one of our Wacipi meetings. It was very good and we learned a different way of making it. If you haven't been to any of our classes, you're really missing out.

We'd like to stream our entire next pow wow live on the internet. Does anyone have any experience with this? Does anyone have any ideas about it or contacts with someone from the local TV/Internet companies that would help? This would be a great way for people from all over to be able to experience our pow wow.

On the next page I have a very important announcement and request. It's not for donations, it's for your time. We need some help, you can do it from your home and it may go a long way in helping us to gain federal recognition. Please take a look at what we need and please consider helping.

I have cancer and I am in pain from my head to my toes, yet still I do just about everything for Mendota and I always have for 15 years. I'm busy with my life yet still find time to do research and make it my priority.

Remember, we will be honoring our ancestors Feb 9th 2019 at Fort Snelling State Park under the bridge. Then we will have a feast at the Dupuis House. I hope to see many of you there. Please come.

Thank you Joe and Brad for all your help. I want to wish everyone very warm holiday wishes. I hope you will all have a safe and happy new year!

-Sharon Lennartson Tribal Chairwoman.

★ IMPORTANT: WE NEED THE HELP OF OUR MEMBERS FOR FEDERAL RECOGNITION! ★

Perry is doing a great job but he needs help, all the tribal council needs help we can't do it alone.

If everyone does just a little, it will help us all and make gaining federal recognition so much faster. You can help us while you're at your home, with just a little research.

Mendota will give you ink and paper. (Please contact the office for more details first. You will need to keep records and receipts.) When you find a document send it to ALL the tribal council so we all can all see it. Mendota will pay for any expenses you may occur. All we are asking is some of your time.

One of the requirements by the BIA is showing membership involvement. This would be good document to show that member's were involvement in the federal recognition process.

Please consider helping with this list it may seem long, but if each member helped with this list it would not seem so long. We have 150 active members, 75 honorary members. LETS GET THIS DONE!!!

We have 150 active members if only 40 of you helped we can get this done.

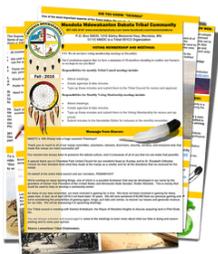
If interested in doing research, send me or Perry an email: mendotadakota@gmail.com or altendorferperry@gmail.com

I will send you the members names and who their related too. All members please fill in the blank spots of all the families you are related to. You will see an example when you ask to do research.

Let's us know what you want to work on, so someone else can pick something else.

RESEARCH DOCUMENTS AND TOOLS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON AT www.mendotadakota.com/mn/research

- We need research done, you volunteer your time at home.
- (Newspapers on MN Frontier 1849-1860) we will pay for the documents, so there is no cost for you. Just send us the information.
- Another site is (Newspaper.com) also needs to be looked at for community family / members,
- Ancestry.com,
- MNHS, MNDS,
- MN Genealogical Society,
- Old church records, libraries and anywhere else you can find information.
- Also look up any families anything that pertains to Mendota.
- Mdewakanton.org and Dakota kinship on face book.
- Santee Sioux Genealogy on Facebook.
- Anything any subject about Mendota.
- accessgenealogy.com/native/mdewakantonsioux-tribe.htm
- French Fur Traders
- Indian Scouts in 1860 - 1864
- Old phone directories for Mendota.
- Please look at your (great) grandparents birth certificates to see if they were born in Mendota in the DuPuis House our ancestral home of Hypolite DuPuis & Angelique Renville. Send us a copy of that birth certificates or baptismal. I know not all of you are related to Hypolite and Angelique. If you are we still need any stories about them. Other members we need your ancestor's stories too.
- When you find something, document where you found it, if it is a book, the page, the date you found it, the date it was written. If it is on microfiche what box, what document, etc.



FYI: We are going to try and create a newsletter every 6 months.

You can view our current and many of our archived newsletters at www.mendotadakota.com/newsletter

Tribal Council Minutes: Oct 29, 2018

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Time: 5:00pm 6:15pm. Voting Membership Meeting: Oct 29, 2018, Time: 6:30pm 8:00pm, 8:00-8:30 clean up.

There was no meeting in December, instead we had a Christmas party and toy drive. Our next meeting will be Jan 28th at 7pm. Our meetings are always the last Monday of every month.

Bylaws and Constitution:

Once we get Federal Recognition, a new member that did not join before will have to wait 3 years before they get per capital. This went in effect when Jim Anderson was Chairman.

Last elections were May 22, 2017, current Tribal Council Members will be in office until May 2021.

After two years of nonpayment's of dues, member will be stricken from membership. After 90 days members are, remove from our mailing list if they have not pay their dues.

The Tribal Council can turn anyone away from joining if we think that person could be harmful to the Community.

PROFITS & LOSSES, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

We will no longer be including our financial information in the newsletter. If you'd like to view the financial documents please attend our meetings or contact the office for more information. Thank you.

HERE'S AN INTERESTING THOUGHT...

Why don't our Dakota people help us?

Why aren't the different Dakota communities helping us? We are all the same people.

We have been the orphan's long enough! We have nothing but our community which has safe us from becoming extinct.

We have no land, no medical, no housing, nothing for our native people.

So much has been taken from us for 200 of years.

I want a community center for our people, offices.

It's time we have a place of our own.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curt LeClaire passed away Oct 31st, 2018

Art Owen passed away Oct 27, 2018.

Margaret LeClaire Nordin, Sharon Lennartson's auntie passed away Oct 25, 2018. She was the last of her siblings, she lived to be 98. She would have been 99 in Dec.

Michael LeMay had a stroke, he is doing well.

Therese Cosgrove and her husband are celebrating their 58-year anniversary. Congratulations!!!

If anyone wants to add anything to the agenda like anniversary, any special events just call me I will add it to the agenda.

Joe and I are finishing the 5 letters to Senator Tina Smith, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Representative Jason Lewis, and Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson and one other. They are the people who support the MRAC Grants. These letters will be mailed out by the end of the week.

There were 5 tribes that received FR in 2018. We wrote to all 5 to ask them to help us with FR. Waiting for their reply. Thank you Brad for suggestion we write the letters and for finding the information.

Honoring Our Ancestors Saturday Feb 9th, 2018.

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Bob Klanderud will light the sacred fire at 10:00 with Tommy, Lon and Perry. The ceremony is at 11:00 pm.

On December 26, 1862, the U.S. military lynched 38 of our Dakota patriots in the largest mass execution in United States History. On November 7, 1862, a group of about 1,700 Dakota, primarily women and children, were forcibly marched from the Lower Sioux Agency to a concentration camp at Fort Snelling. Thanks and appreciation goes out Kelly with the DNR and to the Fort Snelling park for allowing us to host our ceremonies there for many years.



When: Saturday February 9th, 2018

Where: Fort Snelling State Park.

The park entrance is off Highway 5 at Post Road near the Minneapolis / St. Paul International Airport.

Drive down into the park, go inside the building to get your free pass, which is this flyer, or print it now. Mendota will have flyers at the entrance building too. Thank You to the DNR for their help each year.

Please bring a dish to share for the Potluck we will be at the DuPuis House, also called the Sibley Site. from 12:30ish to 3:00sh.

1357 Sibley Memorial Hwy Mendota, MN 55150 across from Lucky's 13.

If you need more information, please call the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Community office 651-452-4141. Dress warm, the ceremony is outside women should wear skirts pants underneath o keep warm. Please bring some tobacco for an offering" We also need coffee and doughnuts. Please let us know who will bring doughnuts. We will provide coffee from Steve.

Pidamaya ye!

Sponsored by the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Council and its members.

REMEMBER YOUR 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS:

All members of the tribe, even honorary members, are required to pay contributions.

We wish to express our gratitude to all the tribal and honorary members who pay their contributions on time or who use the automatic payment system.

These contributions are important for keeping our tribal office running. They pay for things like cultural events, education, powwows, office supplies, programs, gas, inips, community car, etc.

Would you like to pay your contributions automatically? www.mendotadakota.com/ach

Need to get caught up with back payments or make a one time payment? www.mendotadakota.com/payment

WACIPI NEWS

We are thinking of hiring a person to make fry bread all day and pay them. It must be someone who can stand there and make fry bread all day with a few breaks. They will make good money. MUST BE EXPERIENCED.

What other improvements can we do? Please let us know. Thank you all for volunteering!!!

I sent out a survey to see how many members came to our Wacipi. Thank you to those of you who responded. Next year is our 20th please try to make that. The date for our next Wacipi / Pow Wow is Sept 13 through 15th 2019 please put that on your calendar.

NEXT MEETINGS:

The next voting membership meeting will be held Monday, Jan 28th, 7-8:30pm at the Dupuis House. There are no Sunday meetings.



WE VALUE YOUR OPINION!

If someone has a complaint or concerns about how the tribal council runs the community, we have a form available at the tribal office. You can fill out your grievance, sign and date it and it will be reviewed by the Tribal Council.

BYLAWS:

We are currently working on the bylaws. We will update the website when they are complete.

STAY CONNECTED:

Make sure to like us at www.facebook.com/MendotaDakota to be the first to hear about upcoming events and news! Your opinion matters, please feel free to leave us a www.facebook.com/MendotaDakota/reviews

DAKOTA LANGUAGE / CULTURE CLASSES:

Language classes canceled until spring.. Classes will be 6:30 - 8:00pm at the DuPuis House. Day to be determined once we get a teacher. Please follow us on Facebook.com/mendotadakota or check our website www.mendotadakota.com for updates.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HISTORIAN, PERRY ALTENDORFER:

A message from our Historian, Perry Altendorfer: To all Lineal Descendants, Signers and First Original Families relating to the 1830 Prairie du Chein Treaty. We are currently updating our files, adding articles and documentation that involves families related to this treaty. Our goal is to unite all mixed blood families. Please see the Johnsons and Jones Report 1856 www.tiny.cc/1856report

Please contact Perry with questions or comments. altendorferperry@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Dupuis House:

All of our classes, events and meetings are held at the Dupuis House. the address is **1357 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota, MN 55120**. Tribal meetings are held at the tribal office 1351 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota, MN 55150

Donations, Federal Recognition and Grants:

We've been working very hard examining hundreds of documents in an attempt to boost the tribes visibility in the community, develop ties with agencies and groups to assist us in gaining federal recognition, working with fundraising ventures and locating grants.

Federal Recognition meetings: What we need is research please help us do research. Call the office for more details. Emails have already go out. We got over 20 members, and others to help so far.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Members who have a P.O. Box must have a permanent address. The Bureau of Federal Acknowledgment will not except a P.O. Box. A member must call the office with any changes to your address. The member will be in groups.

Important Message and legal disclosure for Inactive Members:

[An inactive member is someone who has not paid their dues for 2 years or more.]

If you'd like to be considered for an exemption from paying dues, you will need to qualify and prove your income.

Members who have inactive status were sent letters to their last known address. Along with sending a letter, An announcement has been made in our newsletter, to our Facebook page and to our website alerting them and describing their options. Inactive members have 30 days to respond or their membership will be removed. If you are inactive or think you may be, please contact the office ASAP. Phone: 651- 452-4141 Email: mendotadakota@gmail.com

Coupon books will be emailed in mid Jan. ACH members will not get coupons.

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ARE YOU GOOD AT RESEARCH?

We are looking for research volunteers. If you'd like to help, please contact Perry Altendorfer altendorferperry@gmail.com

We are looking for any photographs or new information about Angelique Renville, wife of Hypolite Dupuis.

We'd like to find any evidence of our Mdewakanton ancestors who were born in or lived in the DuPuis House, in Mendota, MN.

Please **DONATE**

Help us acquire land
mendotadakota.com/donate



"To preserve, protect, and promote the Dakota culture for future generations."

- We were able to reduce the page size of our enrollment application from 7 pages to 4 pages without losing any of the important information.
- We removed the sections about adopted as we will no longer have adopted members until further notice. Honorary members have an application and we created a specific application for them.
- Thank you to the 150 members who have completed the *new* application and the paper work. I know it can be frustrating to do it, however it's very important to the BIA and to our chances of gaining federal recognition. Once it's done, it's done, so if you have not yet done it, please get on it soon. New application is on the website. The old application has roman numerals. If you have roman numerals you must fill out a new application. Or your name will not go in with the new paperwork to the OFA. This is the OFA rules not ours.
- Community, develop ties with agencies and groups to assist us in gaining federal recognition, working with fundraising ventures and locating grants both private and governmental.
- Land Patents in Minnesota and the Laws Relating to Indian Affairs: The Dupuis House:
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Help our tribe and
grow your business.

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Your advertisement will remain
in our newsletter both online
and printed version for people
to see for years to come.

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Secretary:	Marlene Dixon	(651) 734-3290
Historian:	Perry Altendorfer	(612) 327-0100
Mbr at Large	Lon Navarre	(612) 209-2342
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Public Relations	*Tommy Tomahawk	

List of contacts: www.mendotadakota.com/mn/contact
*(not in the tribal council)

CONTACT THE EDITOR:

Please let us know of any errors you may see in the newsletter. Send all updates and corrections to us and if necessary we will revise the current newsletter or correct the error in the next edition.

Do you have an idea for a story?

Would you like to find or write articles for the MMDC website, facebook page or newsletter?

Are you an artist/cartoonist, storyteller, activist or photographer?

Do you have something you would like to contribute for possible inclusion to our

newsletters? A funny anecdote or joke? Stories, news or history, art, a link to your music, videos or photo gallery?

Have you seen something interesting on the web you think should be included?

Please send us an email.

newsletter@mendotadakota.com



We'd love it if you could give us a review! www.facebook.com/MendotaDakota/reviews

ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER & ON WEB:

Just think, if your advertisement was here, other people would be reading it! All submissions will be reviewed before accepting. We reserve the right to choose not to accept your advertisement for inclusion. We are also accepting advertisements for our facebook page and website. We can even create graphics for you and write up the information for a low price!

All proceeds help our tribe. We are a 501C3 organization.

Contact us for pricing and possible inclusion in the next newsletter. newsletter@mendotadakota.com

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ABOUT US AND OUR GOALS

The Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal community is a non-profit 501C3 organization dedicated to preserving the Dakota heritage.

In 2002, the MMDC membership participated in a comprehensive strategic planning session that resulted in the development of seven (7) long range goals striving to:

We currently have seven (7) goals:

- Obtain federal recognition.
- Maintain a tribal office in Mendota, MN.
- Acquire a land base.
- Develop self-sufficiency through in-house business.
- Promote and support the preservation of the Dakota culture, including protecting sites of cultural significance to the Dakota people.
- Teach community members and others the Dakota language.
- Promote an understanding between the Mendota Community and other Native Communities, and the public.

