## Glen Ivy Thursday Morning, February 5, 2009 Elder Meeting Minutes

Before the meeting started, Gene expressed the idea that the meetings would be a "Den Of Ideas". He appreciated the support that he has received.

Blessing Check-in: **Auto**biography

Gene shared his history, who he is and his vision.

Kent and Gene spoke about the new Elder Program that they are creating. This is one of mission and destiny that is based on the Native American Stakeholder ceremony.

WEG:

- Norman said that the Yom Kippur, the most holy of Jewish holidays, is only one day before the first activities for couples at the WEG. To be at the first activity, travel on Yom Kippur would be required. This was presented to prevent this from happening in the future. Norman shared that arriving early for the holiday and participating in London would not work: his wife is a participant in the ritual at the local synagogue.
- Kent pointed out that the original dates of the WEG took the holiday into consideration. It was only after joint activities were decided to be before the WEG does the timing become an issue. The first real activity starts on Wednesday.
- Gene is attempting to put aside \$3,500 \$4,000 as a backstop for the WEG. Historically, the WEG has earned money for the site: The site location and the current economy may change that. In a prior phone conversation, Simon expressed that the backstop alleviated the pressure.
- WEG finances were discussed. The possibility of a phone-a-thon for additional funds was reviewed.

The MKPI campaign earned \$115k.

On a training, weekend, leaders do not write up the performance of the Ritual Elder although there is a place to do that on the form. Ritual Elders also choose not to report on the leaders. The primary concern is that we don't know which Ritual Elders might need mentoring. A possible solution is to have a check box on the form so that the leader can specify that he'd like an informal review of the Ritual Elder. When checked, the leader and the Ritual Elder would be contacted to discuss details and determine future actions.