

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire  
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**General Meeting Minutes**  
**3/21/09 1:30pm-4pm**

Location: Sherman Indian High School  
9010 Magnolia Ave.  
Riverside, Ca 92503

Attendees: Adults – 46 Youth – 8

Wendi Hardy welcomed all to the meeting and announced we would be having a 50/50 drawing, see Bill Estes. Also given was a reminder of the Suggestion Box always available at the Welcome Table.

Wendi led the reciting of “The Lord’s Prayer” in Cherokee and everyone joined in singing the Cherokee National Anthem “Amazing Grace” in Cherokee.

Wendi led the community in reciting common Cherokee language words and phrases. This is a recently added portion of our agenda to better help us all become familiar with and use our native language.

#### History Committee Presentation

The Committee began by explaining the Cherokee ancient tribal government. They proceeded to describe the early Cherokee life prior to European contact in early America and where they were located in reference to America today. This included the types of towns, how and why they were situated to each other, the Cherokee clans and the form of government they used during that time.

The information was interestingly presented and conveyed our Cherokee ancestors as wise, sensitive, caring and thoughtful people. Wendi concluded the presentation with resources available for further study: Robert J. Conley’s book “The Cherokee Nation and “The Real People” Cherokee history written in novel form.

#### Announcements

Volunteers are needed for the CCIE Election Committee. From the volunteers, three Election Committee members will be selected. The remaining volunteers will assist in all aspects of the election process. The election will take place at our General Meeting in June.

There are three positions open on the Council. Any CCIE member in good standing who would like to run for a Council position must fill out a candidate application, provide a 200 word or less Bio with a picture for publication in the CCIE Newsletter and must submit all before the April 21<sup>st</sup> deadline.

A reminder we have a suggestion box at the Welcome Table. We encourage anyone to offer their suggestions as to how CCIE can become better. Perhaps we could do things differently to help our community for all members. All suggestions are welcome.

Cherokee Nation language survey. All members were encouraged to participate in the survey.

CCIE may possibly have an information booth at this year’s Riverside Air Show at the Riverside Municipal Airport. We will need volunteers to help out at the booth.

Theresa announced CCIE has been given Heirloom Seeds from the Cherokee Nation. If receiving these seeds,

you must follow specific directions as some of the harvested seeds will be given to Theresa to return to the Cherokee Nation in September. Some of the seeds given us are White Squash, Rattlesnake Beans and White Cherokee Eagle Corn.

### **NO CCIE MEETING IN APRIL**

**Instead**, you are encouraged to attend the **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Sherman Powwow** on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

The Powwow will be held on the grass area by Bennett Hall where we usually have our CCIE meetings. CCIE has been invited to have a booth at the Powwow. We will be making cornhusk dolls.

Everyone is invited to come and help out at our booth and to also come and enjoy the Powwow.

### **Community Health Systems, Inc. (CHS)**

Carolina Castro, Outreach Worker for the CHS Eastside Health Center, gave a presentation for our community. Carolina advised that CHS provides low cost medical and dental services for those that do not qualify for healthcare. A proof of income is required and most people are accepted. Some of the other services they provide include a Breast Exam Program, a Teen Clinic, exercise classes, Health educators specializing in diabetes, high blood pressure, and nutrition to name a few. Carolina was available the entire afternoon to answer questions and give information.

Bill gave the blessing for our Potluck and our Elders were invited to be the first in line.

All attendees shared in a wonderful variety of foods to choose from.

The winning 50/50 ticket was drawn and JanAnnette shared in the over \$100.00 collected.

Theresa had many people learning and making Cornhusk Dolls.

Our meeting concluded with the women sharing the shawls they had made. There were many beautiful shawls, some completed and some in various stages of completion. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this craft, a really fine example of workmanship and creativity!

Our next regular scheduled CCIE General Meeting will be held at Sherman Indian High School on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1-4pm.