

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire
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General Meeting Minutes
6/20/09 1:00pm-4:00pm



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

Attendees: Adults – 54 Youth – 20

The meeting began with Carol, Election Committee Chairperson, announcing the CCIE Elections were officially open and encouraged all CCIE members in good standing to cast their votes. Carol also advised that Kevin Thornton had withdrawn his candidacy.

Members could vote during the meeting until 3:15pm. At that time, elections would close to allow the Election Committee to count the votes and announce the three people who would be seated on the Council for a two year term, as per CCIE By-Laws.

Wendi welcomed everyone, reminded members to vote and announced a Silent Auction was taking place during the meeting. She invited attendees to visit the tables and make their bids. Member Judy brought a jump house for the Youth to use during the meeting.

Wendi led the reciting of the “Lord’s Prayer” and singing “Amazing Grace” in Cherokee.

Wendi taught the Cherokee Language segment of the meeting with commonly used Cherokee words and phrases. Everyone was encouraged to repeat the Cherokee words back to Wendi.

Wendi announced the information for the Cherokee Language Classes:

Teacher: Wendi Hardy

Beginning Thursday August 20th (No class Sept. 3rd) through October
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Arlington Church of Christ

3870 Castleman St.

Riverside, Ca. 92503

All adults are welcome. CCIE members are free, small fee for non-members. Teens must get prior approval.

Shauna announced the CCIE Logo Coffee Cups were available at the meeting for an \$8.00 donation.

CCIE member Sam prayed and blessed the food. Elders were invited to lead the Potluck line.

Extra time was made available for attendees enjoy their meal, cast their votes, examine the Silent Auction items or just visit with one another.

The Youth could use the jump house or finish their pouch craft project.

Theresa was still taking sign ups for the “Tear Skirt” activity.

Elections were officially announced as closed and counting began.

The three newly elected Council members were:

Bill Steinman

Wendi Hardy

Scott Little

As per CCIE By-Laws: Article IV No. 3

“These positions will be designated by the Council members at the first Council meeting after the annual election.... The next scheduled Council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14th.

While waiting for the Election results, Singing Bird and CCIE members sang four songs as they played the drum and rattles. The songs and music were welcomed and much appreciated.

Theresa invited all Council members to come up and join her and the Community in showing our appreciation and thankfulness to Council members Darlene Dukelow-Burton and Gina Alesi for their outstanding contributions to CCIE.

Likewise, the newly elected Council members were warmly welcomed to their new positions by the Council and the Community they serve.

Theresa also made an especially important Wado to Carol and the entire Election Committee for a job well done and the completion of another successful CCIE election.

The Silent Auction was closed and bidders paid for and collected their items.

The next CCIE General Meeting will be on Saturday, July 18th, beginning at 1pm. At the conclusion of our meeting, the PBS movie “The Trail of Tears” will be shown.

Please check the next CCIE meeting flyer for more information.