

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire
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General Meeting Minutes
11/21/09 1:30 pm – 4 pm

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

Attendees: Adults - 60 Youth - 8

As attendees were signing in, CCIE member Gina helped them write their Cherokee name on their name tag. She also helped them pronounce their name in Cherokee.

Wendi welcomed everyone and led the Lord's Prayer. In observance of Veteran's Day all were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by singing Amazing Grace in Cherokee.

Announcements:

Elections are coming in June – there are four Council seats available. NOW is the time to form our Election Committee. Those interested in helping CCIE in this most important community process, please contact Mary. We must have an Election Committee to have an Election!

Raffle tickets can be purchased to win a Cherokee blanket that was gifted to CCIE to help with the cost of shipping the Coat Drive items to Rainbow House in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Food Drive – this is the last meeting to collect items for this project.

Language Class – will begin again in 2010. Fill out the survey and return. Everyone is welcome to attend. The class will be free to CCIE members; non-members will be charged a \$20.00 fee.

Scott is collecting pictures of your older Cherokee families. Please include the approximate date the picture was taken, the names of those in it and their relation to you. Copies of pictures can be given to Scott or emailed to the CCIE.

Cookbook – recipe sheets are available at the Welcome Table. Please share your favorite recipes in our new CCIE Cookbook.

December's new craft project will be beaded earrings. Please sign up at the Welcome Table to participate.

Wendi invited the youth to join her at the front to practice Cherokee words and phrases.

CCIE member Laretta and her co-worker Maribel from the Department of Behavioral Health in San Bernardino presented gifts of sage in appreciation for CCIE's participation in their Native American Mental Health Month event. A General Mental Health Services Directory flyer for the San Bernardino County area is available at the Welcome Table.

Bill blessed our food and our Elders were invited to begin the Potluck line.

History Committee – a presentation about the Cherokee Warrior was given, followed by a video.

CCIE member Richard shared the teachings of the importance of the Rattle. He emphasized the color of red on a Rattle. And, the respect that should be given to the consecrated Rattle. One should not pick up a Rattle without permission.

The bead painting project was worked on as attendees' fellowshipped and enjoyed each other's company.

Blanket Raffle – CCIE member Lisa was the winner of the CN Blanket.

The next General Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 19th.