

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire
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General Meeting Minutes
9/19/09 1:45pm – 4:00pm

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

Attendees: Adults - 47 Youth - 15

Wendi welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with inviting everyone to participate in reading “The Lord’s Prayer” and singing the Cherokee National Anthem, “Amazing Grace”. Both were spoken in Cherokee.

The following announcements were made during the meeting:

The Cherokee Nation Picnic will be held on October 10th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Will Rogers State Park in Pacific Palisades (Los Angeles).

The new CCIE T-Shirts will be available by Oct. 10th. Available sizes are small through 3XL.

As a fundraiser today, Jeff Horn will be engraving “Dog Tag” style jewelry. He is able to engrave your choice of words or picture. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to CCIE.

The Cherokee Phoenix Newspaper is provided to you free of charge at the CCIE Welcome Table.

CCIE Mug Sale! We still have mugs for sale at each meeting, now 2 for \$15.00.

Cherokee Nation Corn Seeds – Please give your harvested corn to Theresa. They will be given to Chief Smith at the CN Picnic and then returned home to the Cherokee Nation.

There will be a Powwow in Joshua Tree during the October 3rd weekend.

We will be collecting winter clothing to send to the Cherokee Nation. Please bring your donations of coats, scarves, hats, etc. to the next meeting.

CCIE will be forming a committee to work with the Cherokee Nation to help organize and plan next year’s Cherokee Nation Picnic. The picnic next year will be on the fourth Saturday of October. Please contact Wendi or Theresa if you would like to participate on the committee.

A Memorial Celebration for Otter’s Mother, Olga, will be held on Sept. 22nd at Covington Park in Morongo Valley at 12 Noon. Olga was a World War II Armed Services Veteran, dedicated to her family and friends and shared her smiles and love with all. Following the celebration, at 2:45pm, family and friends will drive to the Riverside Veterans Cemetery.

Our guest speaker at our Nov. 15th 2008 General Meeting was Patrick Guaydacan. We learned Patrick recently passed away. Patrick’s dedication and respect for our Native American Armed Services personnel was evident as he shared in honoring our Veterans.

Cherokee Language – Wendi invited all the youth to come up front with her to practice our Cherokee words and phrases. Wendi also called her Language Class members to participate in singing the “Syllabary Song”. The same song as sung by the children in the Cherokee Nation.

Elders were invited to begin the Potluck Line. During our meal, a slide show was shown. The pictures were taken by member Gina while in Oklahoma during the CN National Holiday.

History Committee

The History Committee presentation was about the CN Holiday, most importantly, to celebrate the anniversary

of the 1839 Cherokee Nation Constitution. Members each shared about the different aspects of the Holiday. These included celebrating our Cherokee Spirit, our heritage and culture and the many scheduled activities within the Cherokee Nation. An interesting explanation of the Cherokee Stomp Dance was given as well.

During our craft time, the youth made clay beads, the ladies worked on their Tear Skirts and many enjoyed visiting and getting to know our visitors and regular members better. One member was heard to comment to a visitor that she looked so much like her Aunt; she had to come over and meet her!

Darlene's name was drawn as our 50/50 Drawing winner.

The next CCIE General Meeting will be held on October 17th at 1pm. See you there!

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