

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire
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Special Events Meeting Minutes
2/21/09 1 pm-4-pm

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

Attendance: Adults - 35 Youth - 10

Wendi Wright welcomed all to the Special Events meeting.

Bob announced the “Bead Guess” 50/50 raffle and encouraged all to sign up with their guess.

Wendi announced CCIE members would be voting for proposed By Law amendments. As per our CCIE By Laws, the Council can request a special vote by the Membership be taken to amend our By Laws when it is deemed to be a time related and of significant importance to our community. Otherwise, proposed amendments would be voted on during our annual elections in June. Members were provided with the proposed changes and the reasons for changing them. Voting would take place during the meeting.

Wendi led the Lord’s Prayer in Cherokee.

All were encouraged to sing the Cherokee National Anthem, “Amazing Grace”, in the Cherokee language. The Cherokee words were provided on the overhead.

All attendees participated in the first CCIE Friendship Dance. The dance, singing and rattles were shared by all as the CCIE community came together and took part in a memorable and bonding experience.

Wendi taught some frequently spoken Cherokee words. It was helpful to repeat them to each other. Wendi encouraged us to use the words when we greet each other.

Shauna, Lady Hawk Drum, explained some interesting and informative facts about drum protocol and their meanings.

Rodney was asked to give the Blessing over the food.

Our Elders were invited to begin our Potluck line. All enjoyed the delicious food and good conversations.

Wendi announced Rev. Ernest the winner of the 50/50 Bead Guess.
The proposed By Law amendments were passed by our community members.

Following the announcements, the youth were invited to come and share their Booger Masks with the community. The youth have been working on their masks the last few months and learning about this interesting Cherokee custom. It was evident they knew and understood their usefulness to the Cherokee people and everyone enjoyed finally seeing the very creative and colorful Booger masks they had made. Anyone who took pictures is encouraged to send them to the website email for posting on our website. The masks were fantastic! Thank you to all the youth who inspired and taught us so well!

The regular Sherman Elders Potluck followed our meeting. We are appreciative to the many members who hurriedly helped clean up and restore the room.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 21, 1-4pm.

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