

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire
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General Meeting Minutes
2/20/10 2pm – 4:30PM

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

Attendees: Adult - 48 Youth – 4

All were requested to bring their chairs and form a circle. Wendi H. taught the Osiyo Friendship song and everyone joined in singing and greeting one another.

Richard W. briefly explained the Prayer Circle and “Smudging” before praying. Richard lit sage and went around the circle.

The Lord’s Prayer was said and Amazing Grace was sung in Cherokee by all.

Wendi invited our youth to help practice our Cherokee words and phrases.

Announcements were made by Wendi:

- Sherman protocol-no smoking, no drugs and parking on the street is limited to the opposite side from the Hall to allow for emergency vehicles. Parking is allowed on the grassy area.
The area directly in front of the Hall between the doors is for Handicap parking.
- Silent Auction – will be held today
- Council Elections will be held at the June Meeting.
- March General Meeting-will be on March 6th from 4pm to 8pm. Chris Holmes and Kristin Fourkiller from the Cherokee Nation will be here to encourage learning the Cherokee Language.
- NO APRIL MEETING- The CCIE community can attend and support the Sherman Indian High School Powwow on April 17th. CCIE has been given the honor of providing the meal for the Powwow dancers. Please let Anne S or Bill S. know if you can help with the meal or work at the CCIE Information Booth we will have there.
- May General Meeting will be held on May 22nd from 4pm to 8pm. We will again have visitors from the Cherokee Nation. “Traditionalists” will be here to teach and encourage Cherokee culture and heritage.
- The Genealogy Circle will be meeting in March. Date to be announced. The National Archives are moving from Laguna Nigel to Riverside March 1st.
- Membership renewals are due. See Yvonne H. for information on your membership.
- Rainbow House-the last of the boxes of winter clothing have been sent to Tahlequah. We have sent over 300 items of clothing totaling 12 boxes shipped. Wado CCIE!
- See Scott L. if you’d like to share your old family photos. They must be in jpeg format, provide their names and their relationship to you. A Newsletter project.
- The new CCIE Cookbooks should be available in April.
- See Clara E. to purchase Home Remedies Book.
- History Committee-the next meeting is in May. See Chairman Lisa B. for details.
- Wendi is contacting the Cherokee Phoenix to obtain current copies.
- Heirloom Seeds-Theresa P. has requested a black bean called Trail of Tears. We will also have white and red Cherokee Popcorn and White Eagle Corn. Details to be announced.

Presentation-Richard W. gifted Yvonne H. with a cedar flute he made to honor her. Richard wished to let others know his respect for her as a person of character and invited others to come up and share in acknowledging her and her efforts.

Council Elections – Mary H. provided the following information:

Applications for Council Candidate and Absentee Ballot Request Forms are available at the welcome table and on our CCIE website.

- Current CCIE members are encouraged to consider running for the four Council seats.
- Council candidates are running for a seat on the Council, not a position.
- CCIE ByLaws, for this election only, require one seat can be filled by a non-citizen. Three of those elected must be a Cherokee Nation registered Citizen.
- Candidates are required to send a 200 word or less Bio that includes your vision for CCIE and a picture of yourself. Send to our P O Box or email to our website.
- **CANDIDATE'S DEADLINE TO APPLY IS APRIL 19th, 2010.**

Absentee Ballot Request Forms:

- Any current CCIE Member can fill out an Absentee Ballot Request Form to vote.
- Your Candidate Ballot will be sent to you 14 days before the election.
- **ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM DEADLINE IS May 19TH, 2010.**
- **COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CCIE P.O.BOX VIA U.S. MAIL. You may not vote at the June meeting.**

Election Committee:

- Potential committee members must have been a CCIE member before Jan 19th 2010.
- Three Election Committee members and their alternates will be chosen at the first Committee meeting.
- Several letters will be drafted for the community. Most of the activity will be on Election Day.
- The Election Committee is required to follow all CCIE policies and procedures.
- **ELECTION COMMITTEE FORMATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 19TH, 2010.**

We were pleased to have Lady Hawk Drum share their songs at our meeting.

Rodney D. gave the Blessing. Our Elders were invited to start our Potluck line.

Following the meal, members completed the craft projects they had been working on the last several meetings. Other members fellowshiped and got to know each other better.

The next March General Meeting will be on March 6th from 4pm to 8pm at Sherman Indian High School.