

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire
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General Meeting Minutes
3/6/10 4:40 pm – 7:30pm

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

Attendees: Adult - 57 Youth – 7

All said the Lord's Prayer and sang Amazing Grace in Cherokee.

Wendi made the following announcements:

- 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.
- New CCIE T-Shirts are now available.
- The new CCIE Cookbook is now available.
- Home Remedies Books: See Clara E. for yours.
- Election Committee is formed and accepting applications for four Council positions. Elections will be held at the June General Meeting.
- NO CCIE APRIL MEETING. The community is encouraged to attend the Sherman Indian High School Powwow on April 17th instead.
- Heritage Seeds will be distributed at the Sherman Powwow on April 17th.
- Genealogy Circle will meet on Saturday, March 27th, 12 – 2pm Denny's in Redlands.
- See Yvonne regarding your CCIE membership dues.
- Pictures of your ancestors needed. See Scott L.
- See Lisa B. for information on joining our CCIE History Committee.
- UCLA Symposium: Veterans Affairs. Tuesday April 14th. See Theresa for details.
- Special May CCIE Meeting! The May CCIE General meeting is changed to Saturday May 22nd from 4pm to 8 pm. Visitors from the Cherokee Nation will join us for a presentation.

Our guests from the Cherokee Nation were Kristin Fourkiller and Chris Holmes.

Kristin works at COTTA, the CN support organization for At Large groups outside of the Nation in Oklahoma and groups in other states like ours. Kristin's presentation was to educate about the 2010 Census coming in March. She explained the number one person on the census form should be the Cherokee descendant and their answer to question number nine on the census should be "Cherokee Nation". Replying this way would ensure more funds to the CN, making it possible to continue providing assistance to CN programs and to the At Large groups. The Census forms will be mailed out on March 17th.

Chris Holmes is a graduate student in Cherokee Studies and a fluent Cherokee speaker. Chris emphasized the importance of learning and speaking Cherokee to insure the survival of our language. He taught some of the rules about our language, distance vs. close and flexible vs. solid, etc., as he had all attendees practice pronouncing common items found in any kitchen. Also practiced were common greetings and phrases.

White Rose Singers – Sherman Indian High School counselor Josie introduced the group of Sherman students. The girls introduced themselves and gave their native heritage. They are the first girls hand drum group at Sherman. Josie informed us each of the girls with a hand drum had made it themselves. The group drummed and sang five songs. A Gifting Blanket was placed and attendees could gift money to support their group.

Chris Holmes gave the Blessing for our meal. Our Elders began the potluck line.

The next CCIE General Meeting will be on Saturday May, 22nd from 4pm to 8pm in Bennett Hall at Sherman Indian High School.