



Colorado Cherokee Circle Nov 17, 2018 General Meeting Minutes

Jeremy Hamilton starts us off. Today there will be a:

- Slide show
- Craft discussion
- Thanksgiving feast

New Visitors:

- Nathaniel from Parker. Denver for 5 years. Originally from Central Texas.
- Logan Vanden. Lives Colo Spgs. Grew up in Florida. In Army. Unenrolled Cherokee citizen. Found us on Facebook! Attends Northeastern in their online program!

Old business: John Gritts announces the CoCC Scholarship. We have \$2000 available. Must be Cherokee, a member of CoCC, and have a minimum of 2.0 gpa. Please have your family members apply!

Sue Clem reminds us there are new CoCC car Decals for sale, \$5 each.

Jeremy:

- A friend donated us 15 fishing poles, and now a box full of brand new backpacks! We are going to give him a gift bag of t-shirt and mug.
- Invite everyone to come, you don't have to be Cherokee to enjoy learning about our culture.
- Jeremy asks for ideas for speakers and any feedback.

Kathy Kirchoff re: Craft Circle: Been in this group since its inception around 2010. Loves finger weaving. Keeping the crafts Cherokee oriented, versus other tribes. Needs ideas for Cherokee crafts. Cherokee Nation might send us somebody here to teach us. How to do Bows. Moccasins. We are staying after today's meeting for the second craft session. It's not a make-and-take. Not real quick. We are finger-weaving a belt right now, which can take many days to do. Real things you can take back to Cherokee Holiday to wear. Something really nice you can share or give as gifts. Marbles for the game (L-shaped hole in the ground, throw the balls). Blow guns and darts. Involve culture and language skills. No structure yet, low key. Notices by email.

Tommy Jones: Nice slide show on the Donation Drive for the Cherokee Elders organization down in Locust Grove, OK, last month. We are one of 25 at-large groups. CN encourages at-large groups to

become sister organizations with Oklahoma groups. Kathy introduced Tommy to Jack Hummingbird. Wanted us to be a sister organization with the Elders. It really kicked off in June of this year. They have the Rainbow House, give away clothing, shoes, toiletries, furniture, etc. Huge bldg. 40 miles east of Tulsa, NW of Tahlequah. We packed a 16 foot Budget moving truck packed full. Lots of folks helped unpack. Cool that the elders are showing their kids at a young age the benefits of helping other people. The Elders took a note of every item in our truck. Gave a woman toys, books, clothes, sheets, etc., when she had nothing to give her grandkids after they were left with her. They let anyone with need come in and pick out items, not just Cherokees. Gave one person the first TV they ever had. Anything that we can donate is appreciated. They were so appreciative and so thankful for what we did for them. It does make a difference. Cherokee Nation Community and Cultural Outreach has asked us to do a story about it. This is something they had hoped would happen when they started sister organizations. Maybe we'll do it again in summer around the National Holiday. Or ask them to come up to us, come up and get our donations, and share some cultural aspects of the CN while here. Possibly in the Spring.

Dion circulated flyers about a craft fair at the Christian Indian Center on December 1 from 9-5, at 2400 S. Ash St, 80222.

Next Meeting:

Sat Dec 15 in the upstairs hall. Another potluck.

We have delayed the show-and-tell until the December meeting. Please bring Cherokee cultural items from your home to share about.

Indian Santa will be here and will distribute nice gifts to the kids, so bring your kids!

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