

Financial Report From Tribal Treasurer:

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| General Fund Balance 6/30/10 | \$5,790.46 |
| Grounds Fund Balance 6/30/10 | \$202.71 |
| Chief's Petty Cash Balance 6/30/10 | \$123.90 |
| Money Market Balance 6/30/10 | \$21,866.33 |

Income for the past 6 months is \$3,382.00. Expenses were \$2,451.38. Wado to those Tribal members who continue to support us during the difficult times the economy has been for the Tribe as well as our members. I am sending a condensed version of the 6 months financial to save space in the Talking Leaves . A full year financial will be seen in the first issue of 2011. A full six months financial is available by request. Just contact me at the following address: Southeastern Cherokee Council Inc. P.O. Box 367, Ochlocknee, Ga. 31773. I will read full financial disclosures at the spring and fall meetings.

We are having a rough year on the Tribal Grounds, from the winter pipes that froze causing damage and now summer storms have caused damage to the drum arbor and the covered bridge. Both mowers used on the tribal grounds needed repairs. Expenses will be much higher the next six months so any size contribution would be appreciated in helping with these costs. Donations should be made out to Southeastern Cherokee Council Inc, and mailed to the address listed above.

By The Tribal Treasurer,

Pamela Standing Bird Sandusky

THE SCATTERING OF OUR PEOPLE

Our people are scattered all over Turtle Island. Some of us are in Alaska and Hawaii. Some are in foreign countries. In the lower 48 states we are scattered from Washington state to Florida, and from California to Maine. It might seem good at first glance that the Southeastern Cherokee Council is represented by people in so many different areas. It gives us a sense of "bigness". After all, our numbers are in the neighborhood of 5,600. But the "devil is in the details"!

The long distances between the various bands and individual members also act as barriers to communication. It is easy for individual bands to feel isolated from the tribe as a whole and out of touch and perhaps even "forgotten". Sometimes, a feeling of apathy or disinterest creeps into the isolated members. Some begin to loose their initial enthusiasm for learning the old traditional ways and culture of their Native ancestors.

Other historical Native tribes do not have this situation as much. Although it is true that even the Cherokee Nation Of Oklahoma has some of its members living in all parts of the country and world, they still have a strong nucleus there in North-eastern Oklahoma, and they enjoy the cohesion that ensues when like minded people get together often and pursue common goals.



So our challenge is to preserve cohesiveness and communication between all of our scattered tribal members. The Cherokee Talking Leaves news paper is one tool to keep all members informed and connected. But more than this is needed.

All of us must try to do our part to keep in touch with other bands and with the central National Tribal Grounds near Ochlocknee, Georgia. We have the numbers but we must draw together as a people despite the daunting distances that separate so many of us. We all have personal "medicines" and talents that can help strengthen and unify our people. Let's all be connected!

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