

2010 END OF THE YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

UNUSUAL PORTENTS IN THE HEAVENS



General Fund Account:		
1/1/10 Beginning Balance:		\$4708.50
Income for 2010:	\$6455.00	
Transfers From Money Market:	\$6455.00	
Transfers To Grounds Fund:	\$750.00	
Expenses for 2010:	\$7686.98	
12/31/10 Ending Balance:		\$4160.70
Grounds Fund:		
1/1/10 Beginning Balance:		\$146.44
Transfer In:	\$750.00	
Donations	\$70.00	
Expenses for 2010:	\$777.68	
12/31/10 Ending Balance		\$188.76
CHIEF'S PETTY CASH:		
1/1/10 Beginning Balance:		\$167.90
Expenses for 2010:	\$44.00	
12/31/Ending Balance:		\$123.90
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT:		
1/1/10 Beginning Balance:		\$21,982.35
Transfers Out:	\$684.18	
Interest Paid:	\$95.27	
12/31/10 Ending Balance		\$21,393.44

The Winter Solstice of 2010 was not your common ordinary solstice. In addition to marking the time of greatest hours of darkness for those living in the Northern Hemisphere, and the beginning of Winter, there was also a full moon that night and a full lunar eclipse. Our ancestors paid attention to such unusual happenings in the skies above them and many believed that they were signs to alert the people that something important was just before them or a new age was about to begin.

Many Native peoples have for centuries recognized and celebrated and observed the Winter Solstice. It marked the time when the sun seemed to "stand still" and then slowly retraced its place to rise and set on the horizons. It signaled hope, in that in the days following the solstice, the minutes and hours of daylight began increasing again. It seemed that the ever advancing darkness of the Autumn had been vanquished and light had prevailed.

It is not common for the moon to be full the night of the Winter Solstice. It is even more rare for a total lunar eclipse to occur at the same time. But both of these phenomena happened during the Winter Solstice of 2010.

What could this all mean for us? Perhaps just a coincidence? Just a freak accident of Nature? Only happenstance? Or could it be that in the universe, nothing is by chance and all things happen for a reason?

It could mean we are each one to examine our own lives and see if we need to make a new beginning. It could mean we are on the threshold of some tremendous event for which we need to fortify our spirits to endure.

At any rate, it is something to meditate about. The Winter Solstice of 2010 was a powerful event. It would be wise that we keep a balanced walk for the changes the future may hold.

This is a condensed version of the financial report. A full report will be available at the spring meeting in March, 2011. We still need to keep up with donations to match our expenses for the year. Any amount helps the tribe. Many thanks to those who donate.

Pam Standing Bird Sandusky, Treasurer

