

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Meeting Time: 7:30

PRESENT

Bushman, Patrick - Ludwick Family Fdn.
Carpenter, Miki – Foothill Presbyterian Hospital
Chiappetta, Dennis – Athens Services
Garvin-Smart, Dena – Stellar Business Bank
Hamlow, Cliff – Azusa Pacific University
Imboden, Fawn - ACCU
Jafari, D. J. – Glendora Tire & Brake
Macias, Anthony - Primerica
Murabito, Gene – Business Systems Support
Nichols, Dr. Catherine – GUSD
Overlock, Daryl – America's Home Source
Pine, Glen – Hawg Heaven
Schabow, Paul – America's Home Source

EXCUSED

Carpenter, Miki – Foothill Presbyterian Hospital
Hermann, Linda – A & J Cake and Candy

ABSENT

Bartlett, Matt – Century 21
Lunde, Rona – Jan's Towing
Nichols, Dr. Catherine - GUSD
Viera, Dr. Michael – Citrus College
Harwick, Dr. Clint - COUD

STAFF

Kathy Hodge – Director of Operations
Loomis, Jen – Business Development Director
Thompsett, Valarie - Administrative Assist.

Call to Order – President D. J. Jafari 7:35 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from the March 19, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting –Motion made by Dennis Chiappetta and seconded by Fawn Imboden

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President, D. J. Jafari – D.J. thanked everyone for attending. The April 17th Citizen of the Year Banquet, honoring Mike and Marcia Conway for their contributions to the community, was a wonderful affair. Also the City did a very nice Earth Day event. D. J. then mentioned that the Chamber's computer system could use an upgrade, plus the computers need to be networked and hooked up to the new copier. The Board was asked for suggestions.

Dennis Chiappetta suggested we get 3 bids, and then make a decision.

Daryl Overlock mentioned that he knows a good computer person he felt comfortable referring to the Chamber to give us a bid for the work.

Gene Murabito concurred that upgrading the computers is a good idea and suggested that we continue using a Dell system. It makes no sense to upgrade the computer in the President's office, since it is rarely used. He suggested we lease the computers again since the cost of leasing versus buying is minimal. Probably the hardest part of upgrading the system will be networking the computers and transferring the data.

The decision was made to get several bids before proceeding.

President –Elect Miki Carpenter - No report

Treasurer's Report, Gene Murabito –Gene reported that the combined balances in checking and savings is \$67,234.93. Liabilities are up a bit at \$7,739.81. The CD at Cal National Bank was closed to pay off the outstanding balance on the Chamber repairs. The combined total for the remaining 2 CD's is \$16,067.91. Total expenses are \$197,160.00 which puts us at 78% of budget and doing very well.

Ambassador Report, Matt Bartlett – No report

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Operations, Kathy Hodge –Kathy reported that 3 new Board members were elected - Brain Wood, Brian Wood Automotive, Anne Woods, Express Employment Professionals and John Frisella, Frisella's Roastery. Also Matt Bartlett, Century 21 and Anthony Macias, Primerica, were re-elected for their second terms on the Board. It looks like Monrovia Growers will be joining the President's Circle at the Bronze level. Foothill Presbyterian Hospital has renewed for another year of their Presidents Circle membership and will remain as Gold Level participants. A China trip orientation is scheduled for May 6th at Bidwell Forum. Due to the bad press China is receiving, it may affect the number of people that decide to travel to China for the November trip. To date we have received 2 deposits for the trip.

Dennis Chiappetta suggested we look at other companies offering Chamber trips to various destinations within the world.

Kathy continued by giving the Board members present at the meeting, a Committee Interest Notification form on which they were asked to chose a position they would be interested in holding for the 2008 – 2009 year. This included the elected positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as appointed positions for Ambassadors, I Shop Glendora, Flashback, Citizen of the Year, Scholarship, Installation Dinner, Legislative Action, Celebrity Waiter, Nominating Committee, China Trip, Relay for Life, Economic Development and Committee Chairs. The Board was asked to make their selection and then to either fax or return the forms to Kathy after the meeting.

Director of Business Development, Jen Loomis - Jen reported that 3 new members joined the Chamber last month, Costco, SportClips and System Resolutions. Of the 7 drops, half of them dropped because they are no longer in business. Phone calls and contact is being made to those members on the aging report. The Business Expo went extremely well with lots of positive feedback. The event made over \$1,000 and we have already out grown Bidwell Forum as a place to hold the next one. Don't forget the Sexual Harassment Seminar today at noon at Bidwell Forum. The next marketing seminar is being worked on and will be held later this year.

Kathy reminded everyone that an outside sales person has been hired to work on new memberships and that the Chamber newsletter is now being done in-house, which will save the Chamber some money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Affairs, Miki Carpenter - Kathy Hodge reported for Miki ,that the second "I Shop Glendora" mailer will be sent to all Glendora residents within the next week. Sales for this mailer went very well. As a tie-in with the "I Shop Glendora" program, the Tribune newspaper is offering Glendora businesses who wish to advertise in their community newspaper, the Highlander, a discounted rate on their ads.

Legislative Action, Cliff Hamlow – Cliff reported that the date for the May Legislative Education Forum has been changed from May 16th to the 23rd. On June 11th, at Citrus College Innovation Center, the area utility companies will be presenting an energy forum. The lunches will be dark in July and August, resuming in September with a forum on the upcoming ballot propositions. Supervisor Antonovich gave a most informative presentation on the Gold Line and traffic issues within the San Gabriel Valley at the April 4th Legislative luncheon.

Flashback, Daryl Overlock –Daryl reported that Flashback is moving forward. Sponsorship sales are moving slowly and Wal-Mart has elected to not be the major sponsor this year. The design for the T-shirts is done and this year will be printed on gray shirts.

Anthony Macias asked if someone from Flashback has contacted the Automobile Club regarding sponsorship opportunities.

Dennis Chiappetta suggested that Bob DeFazio from Irwindale Speedway be contacted regarding involvement in Flashback. He also suggested that Laidlaw Motorcycles be contacted about doing something with the motorcycle portion of the event.

Scholarship Committee, Miki Carpenter –Daryl Overlock reported for Miki that only one scholarship application has been received.

Gene Murabito asked whom the applications were sent to.

Daryl replied that applications were mailed to the counselors at Glendora Unified, Charter Oak Unified and the ROP teachers.

Citizen of the Year, Patrick Bushman – Dr. Bushman reported that this year's event was very positive and that Mike and Marcia Conway were very pleased. There were some issues with the catering company that will be addressed at the wrap-up meeting. However, the layout and the decorations were great and Gene Murabito did a great job as MC. The musical performances were good, but the Citrus Singers were really missed.

Gene Murabito concurred that this year's event was really nice. The humor and levity of the evening was really enjoyed.

CITY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

Glendora City Council, Ken Herman – Ken reported that sales tax revenue from the Diamond Ridge Development has helped the City budget. It looks like the City is going to have a balanced budget for the year. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for SportClips, one of the newest businesses to open in the Diamond Ridge Development. Talks are still ongoing for the development of the vacant Hyundai property. The City would like to see a hotel or restaurant be built on the property, but the property owner wants some type of big-box store. Arboleta is moving along nicely. However, the Monrovia Nursery development is having severe problems with developers pulling out and homes not being built as scheduled. The City is considering a moratorium on massage parlors. Due to the cost of fixing the antique lights along Glendora Avenue, it was decided not to proceed with the repairs. They will remain, but not be operable.

Paul Schabow asked Ken if he had any updates on the redistricting proposition that certain parties within the City are trying to get on the November ballot. If approved, it would allow redistricting of the City affecting the areas Council members would cover.

Ken replied that they are still gathering signatures, and probably would get enough to have the measure appear on the November ballot.

Village Business Association, Dena Garvin- Smart –Dena reported that Donna Black of Eagle Escrow is no longer part of the Association Board. The Association is moving along with the City bid. An upscale children's clothing store is opening in the old "Perfect Time" location. Parking issues remain a problem since spaces have been lost to several developments.

Gene Murabito mentioned that the City Council is looking at the parking issues and discussing ways to resolve the problem.

Ken Herman said the Council is looking into improved signage to direct shoppers to the parking lots, reconfiguring spaces within the available parking lots, friendlier walkways from the lots and a possible parking structure as ways to solve the parking problems.

Cliff Hamlow suggested that the downtown merchants address where their employees park. If they stopped parking on the street, those spaces would be open to shoppers.

Dr. Bushman asked Ken what the cost of building a parking structure would be.

Ken Herman replied that the cost runs around \$20,000 per parking space.

Dena continued by reminding everyone to shop for their Mothers Day gifts within the Village and to look for the ads of Village Merchants in each issue of the Glendora Community News.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Charter Oak School District, Clint Harwick –No report

GUSD, Catherine Nichols – No report

Citrus College, Dr. Michael Viera –No report.

Coordinating Council, Mike Conway – No report

Old Business –No report

New Business –Dennis Chiappeta made a motion to accept the new members, which was seconded by Daryl Overlock. Fawn Imboden reminded everyone of the 50th Anniversary Celebration for America’s Christian Credit Union and handed out note pads and “fuzzy dice” to the Board members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.

Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett