

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2009**  
**Meeting Time: 7:30**

**PRESENT**

Bushman, Dr. Patrick – Ludwick Fdn.  
Carpenter, Miki  
Chiappetta, Dennis – Athens Services  
Conway, Mike  
Grindsdale, Marilyn – Citrus College  
Hamlow, Cliff – APU  
Harwick, Dr. Clint – COUSD  
Herman, Ken – City  
Hermann, Linda – A & J Cake & Candy  
Imboden, Fawn – ACCU  
Jafari, D. J. – Glendora Tire & Brake  
Nichols, Dr. Catherine – GUSD  
Pine, Glen – Hawg Heaven  
Wood, Brian – Brian Wood Automotive  
Woods, Anne – Express Employment Professionals

**ABSENT**

Garvin-Smart, Dena – Stellar Business Bank  
Lunde, Rona – Jan's Towing  
Macias, Anthony – Primerica – *showed up late*  
Murabito, Gene – Business Systems Support  
Overlock, Daryl, American Home Source  
Perri, Dr. Geraldine – Citrus College

**STAFF**

Hodge, Kathy – Director of Operations  
Loomis, Jen – Director of Business Development  
Thompsett, Valarie – Administrative Assistant

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***Call to Order – President Miki Carpenter 7:30 a.m.***

***Pledge of Allegiance***

***Approval of Minutes from the March 18, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting*** – motion made by Dennis Chiappetta and seconded by D. J. Jafari

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***President, Miki Carpenter*** – Miki opened the meeting by announcing the 2009 – 2011 newly elected board members. They are: Bianca Vobecky of Ship DTS, Mary Ann Quay from Vicenti, Lloyd & Stutzman, LLP and D. J. Jafari from Glendora Tire and Brake. These new Board members will be invited to attend the June Board meeting and all Board members will be installed at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Installation and Awards Dinner at the Glendora Country Club. The Chamber Great Trivia Challenge team consisting of Linda Hermann, Frank Pine and myself placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the recent competition. A first place win was missed by one question. “We want to thank Dennis Chiappetta and Athens Services for their sponsorship of the Great Trivia Challenge competition.” If you are interested in working on the nominating committee, we still need volunteers. “Notice of Interest” forms were passed out to each Board member asking them to sign up for one or more Chamber committees.

***Treasurer's Report, Gene Murabito*** – No report

***Ambassador Report, Jen Loomis*** – Jen reported that 2 new Ambassadors have joined the committee.

**STAFF REPORTS**

***Director of Operations, Kathy Hodge*** - Kathy reiterated the June 24<sup>th</sup> date for the Installation and Awards Banquet to the Board. Sponsorship opportunities are available for anyone interested. The Chamber currently has 28 cases of postcard books for sell at \$3.00 per book. If you are interested in selling the books at your business, please let me know. You each have a complimentary book for your enjoyment. Details for Citizen of the Year are being finalized. Flashback is scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> and work is underway securing sponsors and permits.

D. J. Jafari asked Kathy to report on the sale of the Farmer's Market trailer.

Kathy Hodge informed the Board that the trailer was sold on Craig's List and the selling price was enough for the Chamber to purchase a storage shed to hold the items used for community events. Kathy informed the Board that more details on the reported items were available in her written report.

**Director of Business Development, Jen Loomis** – Jen commented that drops are down and membership seems to be on an upward trend. The Chamber has gotten 15 new members over the last 2 ½ months. The Business Expo netted \$750. This year flyers were sent to all the elementary schools regarding the Expo and brought some students to the event. Please refer to my written report for more information regarding business development projects.

Miki Carpenter thanked the staff for kicking up the benefits offered to the membership and for working hard to gain and retain Chamber members.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Business Affairs, Miki Carpenter** - Miki reported that “I Shop Glendora” is still on hold. The City and Swire Marketing will be meeting soon for discussions on the project. A student from Loma Linda University has put together a Wellness Program that the Chamber would like to offer to the membership as a business benefit to them. Miki told the Board that she would email the program to each of them for review and approval.

Dennis Chiappetta and Anne Woods asked about the cost of the program.

Miki Carpenter replied that there is no cost to the Chamber or the membership for the program.

**Legislative Action, Cliff Hamlow** –Cliff Hamlow reported that at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative Meeting an overview of the May 19<sup>th</sup> special election propositions will take place. The meeting is open to the entire membership and there is a chance that Assemblyman Adams will attend. The Legislative meetings take place at noon at the Chamber on the first Thursday of each month.

**Flashback, Daryl Overlock** –No report

**Scholarship Committee, Miki Carpenter** –Miki reported that the scholarship committee is still looking for applicants. Two \$1,000 scholarships are available and are being offered to applicants attending two year colleges as well as four year universities.

Linda Hermann asked Dr. Harwick if he could get the information about the available scholarship monies to his Charter Oak High School students.

Dr. Nichols mentioned her surprise at the lack of interest from students in regards to the scholarship monies.

**Citizen of the Year, Patrick Bushman** –Dr. Bushman reminded everyone of Citizen of the Year at Citrus College on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The event is sold out and parking issues should be eased because the college is on spring break. Athens Services and Foothill Presbyterian Hospital are event sponsors and Gordon and Diane Norman are very deserving of the recognition because of their contributions to the community. Entertainment will be provided by several of Gordon’s past students.

### **CITY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS**

**Glendora City Council, Ken Herman** – Ken reported that Glendora is doing much better than many surrounding communities in these tough economic times in large part due to the Diamond Ridge development. However, 2010 projections put the City in the red by \$600,000. The property at Route 66 and Glendora Ave. is for sale. The state of vacant properties is an issue being addressed by the City Council. Some codes are already in place to prevent vacant properties from falling into disrepair and becoming an eyesore. 50,000 more foreclosures are expected throughout the State and unemployment rates are expected to rise.

**Village Business Association, Dena Garvin- Smart** –Miki Carpenter reported for Dena that the City Council approved the BID process and now it is in the hands of the Village merchants for approval. Yearly assessment costs per business will run between \$50 to \$600 based on location and type of business.

Fawn Imboden commented that the presenters did an extremely good job of presenting the BID to the City Council.

### **REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

**Charter Oak School District, Clint Harwick** –Dr. Harwick reported that \$5 million in budget cuts have been made. 1100 blankets were made by students for the “Blanket of Love” project. The blankets were donated to the City of Hope. It is hoped that the following three benchmarks will ease some of the current budget concerns by bringing much needed monies to the State: the Stimulus Package, the May 19<sup>th</sup> election and May/June budget revisions.

**GUSD, Catherine Nichols** –Dr. Nichols reported that students are back from spring break. Three district schools have received California Distinguished School Awards. Construction is due to begin on Goddard Elementary using Measure G dollars.

**Citrus College, Dr. Geraldine Perri** –Marilyn Grinsdale reported for Dr. Perri that graduation will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup>. An Earth Day event is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Coordinating Council, Mike Conway** –Mike reported that Dr. Perri was the keynote speaker at the last Coordinating Council meeting. A new president has been elected. The Library has taken a 10% budget hit.

**New Business** – A motion to accept the new members was made by Dennis Chiappetta and seconded by Anne Woods.

Linda Hermann commented that the City is accepting applications for City Beautification Awards. The deadline to apply is April 24<sup>th</sup> and commercial and residential facilities are eligible to apply.

D. J. Jafari suggested the Chamber apply.

Dennis Chiappetta reported that a representative from an organic, high-end farmers market met with the Executive committee to discuss bringing their market into Glendora.

Dr. Nichols reported that the City Council recognized the three California Distinguished Schools.

Miki Carpenter replied that very few schools receive such accolades and Glendora should be very proud of the accomplishment.

Linda Hermann asked how many people have signed up for the fall China trip.

Valarie Thompsett replied that so far no one has signed up, although several individuals seem interested.

Dennis Chiappetta commented that other trips are available and he is aware of several area Chambers traveling to different destinations such as Greece.

Kathy Hodge replied that the Chamber has looked into trips offered by other companies, but the trips are not as inclusive as China and much more expensive.

**Old Business** –No report

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 am  
Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett*

