

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: Wednesday August 19, 2009
Meeting Time: 7:30

PRESENT

Carpenter, Miki
Chiappetta, Dennis – Athens Services
Hamlow, Dr. Cliff – APU
Harwick, Dr. Clint – COUSD
Herman, Ken – City of Glendora
Hermann, Linda – A & J Cake & Candy
Imboden, Fawn – ACCU
Jafari, D. J. – Glendora Tire & Brake
Loukota, Pat – Coordinating Council
Murabito, Gene – Business Systems Support
Nichols, Dr. Catherine – GUSD
Perri, Dr. Geraldine – Citrus College
Quay, Mary Ann – Vincenti, Lloyd & Stutzman
Taj, Arif – Sportclips

ABSENT

Bushman, Dr. Patrick – Ludwick Fdn.
Deal, Debbie – GUSD Fdn.
Garvin-Smart, Dena – Stellar Business Bank
Lunde, Rona – Jan's Towing
Macias, Anthony - Primerica
Overlock, Daryl – American Home Source
Vobecky, Bianca – Ship DTS
Wood, Brian – Brian Wood Automotive
Woods, Anne – Express Employment Professionals

STAFF

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

Call to Order – President Dennis Chiappetta 7:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from the July 15, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting –Motion to accept the minutes made by D.J. Jafari and seconded by Arif Taj. Beginning in September minutes will no longer be copied and handed out at the Board meetings. Please bring your own copy from the email version sent to you. A small step, but one that will save the Chamber considerably on printing costs.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President, Dennis Chiappetta –Dennis opened the meeting by asking Miki Carpenter to read the Vision Statement of the Glendora Chamber. Linda Hermann was asked to read the Mission Statement. “Our Mission and Vision Statements are important because they set the guidelines of the Chamber and state what we stand for,” said Dennis. As a way of helping retain members, beginning today and at each months Board meeting, each Board member will be given the names of a few upcoming renewing members to contact. The goal is to find out if these members have issues or problems with the Chamber that can be solved before they are asked to renew. Hopefully this will help the Chamber retain members as well as keeping in contact with our membership.

Treasurer’s Report –Gene reported that current assets at the Chamber are \$74,160.44 and income from President Circle and PPD event sponsorships are projected at \$6,840. On September 1st the Chamber will no longer be responsible for the Village fund. Income for the year is at 91.8% of budget due to fewer events and the decrease in membership. We are currently showing a loss of \$3,698.78. Financials for upcoming year are still not finalized.

Ambassador Report, Jen Loomis – The Ambassadors were dark in August said Jen. “I encourage all of you to join us at the next meeting on September 2nd.”

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Operations, Kathy Hodge – Kathy reported that delivery of the business directory is expected soon. The staff recently met with the Covina Chamber to start plans on the May 2010 Cuisines of the Foothills event which will be held at the top of the Diamond Ridge parking structure.

Director of Business Development, Jen Loomis –Jen reported that the second Mingle, Munch and Market BBQ seminar went very well. Attendance was good and \$350 was netted from the event. The final session is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th at the Chamber from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. FaceBook 101 is scheduled for August 26th at America’s Christian Credit Union from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Bring your laptop. The Chamber’s FaceBook page currently has 200 members.

Dennis Chiappetta commented that he has received good feedback from people who attended FaceBook 101 and from the Mingle, Munch and Market BBQ series.

Arif Taj asked if the Chamber had thought about doing a Twitter 101 seminar? Also the FaceBook 101 seminar is the same day as the lunch for Congressman Dreier.

Dennis Chiappetta reminded the Board about the formation of a fundraising committee. A chairman is needed to head the committee and start the ball rolling. Any ideas for fundraising events will be considered. Regarding the start of a Farmers Market in Glendora, the Chamber is still waiting for the contract.

Arif Taj volunteered to chair the fundraising committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Affairs – No report

Legislative Action, Dr. Cliff Hamlow –Cliff reminded everyone of the lunch with Congressman David Dreier with the La Verne and San Dimas Chambers on August 26th at the San Dimas Country Club. Mark your calendars for September 17th at Bidwell Forum to hear State Senator Bob Huff address the membership. Dedication of the new Science Center at Azusa Pacific University is scheduled for September 3rd.

Flashback, Daryl Overlock –Kathy Hodge reported for Daryl that car spaces are sold out for the event, but motorcycle spots are still available. The Board was encouraged to post a Flashback poster at their business. Because of personal matters, it is possible that Daryl will not be at the event.

Scholarship Committee, Miki Carpenter – No report

Citizen of the Year, Dr. Patrick Bushman –No report

CITY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

Glendora City Council, Ken Herman – To date 10 applicants have applied for the five positions on the Business Improvement District board of directors. The Fresh N Easy project still does not have an opening date. Diamond Ridge continues to be a great source of revenue for the City. The Planning Commission has placed a moratorium on the Grand Avenue project which is open to residential, commercial or mixed use.

Gene Murabito informed the Board that the Vermont Lofts have sold out and 2 owners have expressed interest in using their space for commercial purposes.

Village Business Association, Dena Garvin- Smart – No report

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Charter Oak School District, Clint Harwick –Dr Harwick reported that last year the district had the highest gains in test scores for all of L.A. County. The district is looking at ways to generate revenue. Improvements are ongoing at some of the schools.

GUSD, Dr. Catherine Nichols –School starts on Tuesday, August 25th reported Dr. Nichols. Preliminary test results are in the 70 – 90 percentiles. Three of the 8 district schools scored over 900. Improvements continue at Goddard. The district is looking at options for the vacant Williams facility.

Citrus College, Dr. Geraldine Perri –Dr. Perri reported that classes are filled and school starts on August 31st. Due to economics, quite a few classes were eliminated from the fall schedule. Accreditation will take place in October and the college has an updated Master Plan. It is still not determined where the \$130 million in stimulus funds will go and how the funds will be distributed among the various colleges.

Foundation for Glendora Schools, Debbie Deal –No report

Coordinating Council, Pat Loukota – Meetings will resume in September reported Pat. The Holiday Basket program will be starting soon.

Linda Hermann reported that she is co-chairing the Holiday Basket program with Judi Rudd.

New Business –A motion to accept the new members was made by Mary Ann Quay and seconded by Fawn Imboden.

Old Business –No report

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 am.
Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett*