

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: January 20, 2010
Meeting Time: 7:30

PRESENT

Bushman, Dr. Patrick
Chiappetta, Dennis – Athens Services
Garvin-Smart, Dena – Stellar Business Bank
Hamlow, Dr. Cliff – APU
Harwick, Dr. Clint – COUSD
Herman, Ken – City of Glendora
Hermann, Linda – A & J Cake and Candy
Imboden, Fawn – ACCU
Jafari, D. J. – Glendora Tire & Brake
Murabito, Gene – Business Systems Support
Nichols, Dr. Catherine – GUSD
Overlock, Daryl – American Home Source
Perri, Dr. Geraldine – Citrus College
Quay, Mary Ann – Vicenti, Lloyd & Stutzman
Viobecky, Bianca – Ship DTS
Wood, Brian – Brian Wood Automotive
Woods, Anne – Express Employment Professionals

ABSENT

Carpenter, Miki – Make a Senior Smile
Deal, Debbie – GUSD Fdn.
Loukota, Pat – Coordinating Council
Lunde, Rona – Jan’s Towing
Macias, Anthony - Primerica
Taj, Arif - Sportclips

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 November 18, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting – motion made by D. J. Jafari and seconded by Daryl Overlock

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President, Dennis Chiappetta – Dennis welcomed everyone. The BID has approved a set of by-laws and the Village merchants are hosting a Wine-Walk on Friday, February 12th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. The BID board is looking at three different marketing plans for promotion of their events and the Chamber is committed to working with them as events develop. Plans for their Farmers Market are still being worked on.

Treasurer’s Report –

Ambassador Report, Jen Loomis – Jen reported that the Christmas Parade was cancelled due to the rain. But a large group turned out in spite of the down-pour to work on the Ambassador float. Thanks to all the Board members and Ambassadors who came to help. \$700 was raised from the Xmas Stocking Promotion.

Dennis Chiappetta thanked Daryl for building the railing which encircled the truck bed used for the float.

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Operations, Kathy Hodge –Kathy reported that \$2,000 was raised at the Holiday Mixer. The fumigation of the Chamber during the Xmas holidays went well. Be sure and bring your e-waste to the “e-waste Roundup” at the Chamber on January 23rd and 24th from 9am to 4pm. Mark your calendars for Citizen of the Year at the Glendora Country Club on Thursday, April 15th.

Director of Business Development, Jen Loomis –Jen reported that the Glendora and Covina Chambers continue to finalize plans for the “Cuisines of the Foothills” event on May 17th. Letters will soon be mailed to restaurants inviting them to the event as a participant. Any Board member who has a favorite restaurant they would like to see at the event, please let us know so that we can invite them. The event is open to member and non-member restaurants, catering companies, wineries, breweries, bakeries etc.

Dennis Chiappetta commented that Azusa does a highly successful cuisines event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Affairs, Jen Loomis for Miki Carpenter –

Dennis Chiappetta reminded everyone that the Board Development Committee is looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to help screen candidates as Glendora Chamber of Commerce Board members. Bianca Viobecky and Fawn Imboden volunteered to be on the committee.

Legislative Action, Dr. Cliff Hamlow –Cliff reminded the Board of the State of the City, State of the Schools luncheon on January 21st at the Country Club. The Board was invited to attend the Legislative Committee meetings which are held on the first Thursday of each month at noon at the Chamber. Jennifer Quan from the League of Cities gave a presentation regarding the “Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act” ballot initiative at the January 7th meeting. On March 18th Senator Bob Huff is presenting an Education Summit at Citrus College and Azusa Pacific School of Business will be presenting seminars each Tuesday in February on “How to Start a Business in these Tough Economic Times.”

Flashback, Daryl Overlock –The date for Flashback is August 28th, so mark your calendars. The band “The Answer” will not be

CITY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

Glendora City Council, Ken Herman – Things are pretty quiet commented Ken Herman. Financially the City is in good shape; however that could change in the future because of losses to Pers. Expenses have been tightened and the City Staff is doing an excellent job of working with the cut-backs.

Village Business Association, Dena Garvin- Smart –

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Citizen of the Year, Dr. Patrick Bushman –Dr. Bushman reported that the COY committee has held 2 meetings and selection of the candidate will take place on February 11th. Due to the financial difficulties that Citrus college is facing, they were unable to host the event, so the venue has been changed to the Glendora Country Club. Seating will be limited to 250 people and ticket prices have slightly increased to \$45 per ticket. Sponsorship opportunities are available and the Citrus Singers will be performing.

Charter Oak School District, Clint Harwick – Dr. Harwick reported that the district has been forced to make cuts totaling another \$240 per student which equates to another \$1.2 million in cuts from a budget that has already been cut by more than \$7 million. And over the next 2 years more cuts are forthcoming which will likely lead to the loss of personnel. On a positive note, the Football team won CIF.

GUSD, Dr. Catherine Nichols –The district will be operating on \$10 million less than they did in 2009 reported Dr. Nichols and we are still making cuts. Stimulus fund monies have been used up to keep people employed. The district is looking at mandatory furlough days, larger class sizes and is facing the possibility of closing. Another \$4 ½ million needs to be cut from the budget.

Dennis Chiappetta commented that our schools are facing great difficulties. We are 50th in the nation for funding, which is deplorable.

Citrus College, Dr. Geraldine Perri – The college is waiting to hear on their accreditation reported Dr. Perri. There is some controversy regarding the accreditation process because 45 community colleges within California have been given warnings, but nationwide only 5 colleges have been given warnings. Citrus is packed with students and the proposed budget does allow for a 2% growth in enrollment. Millions of dollars in cuts to special programs have been made.

Linda Hermann asked for an explanation of what being put on warning means to a college.

Dr. Perri replied that it means the accreditation process has found enough short-comings to warrant the college being watched and if the problems are not fixed, it could lead to closure.

Foundation for Glendora Schools, Debbie Deal –No report

Coordinating Council, Pat Loukota –No report

New Business – Motion to accept the new members was made by Daryl Overlock and seconded by Linda Hermann.

Old Business –No report

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 am.
Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett***