

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2009
Meeting Time: 7:30

PRESENT

Carpenter, Miki
Chiappetta, Dennis – Athens Services
Conway, Mike
Garvin-Smart, Dena – Stellar Business Bank
Harwick, Dr. Clint – COUSD
Herman, Ken – City
Hermann, Linda – A & J Cake & Candy
Imboden, Fawn – ACCU
Jafari, D. J. – Glendora Tire & Brake
Lunde, Rona – Jan's Towing
Overlock, Daryl – America's Home Source
Perri, Dr. Geraldine – Citrus College
Pine, Glen
Quay, Mary Ann – Vicenti, Lloyd & Stuzman
Taj, Arif – Sportclips
Vobecky, Bianca – Ship DTS
Wood, Brian – Brian Wood Automotive
Woods, Anne – Express Employment Professionals

ABSENT

Bushman, Dr. Patrick – Ludwick Fdn.
Hamlow, Cliff - APU
Nichols, Dr. Catherine - GUSD

STAFF

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from the May 20, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting – motion made by Dennis Chiappetta and seconded by Rona Lunde

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President, Miki Carpenter – Miki opened the meeting by thanking the Board for their support during the past year. Two new Board members, Mary Ann Quay from Vicenti, Lloyd & Stuzman and Bianca Vobecky from Ship DTS were introduced. 2009 – 2010 is going to be a challenging year as the Chamber will be operating on a very conservative budget. It is necessary for the Chamber to build up their reserves and plan for the future. Dennis Chiappetta has stepped up to the challenge and will be sworn in as Chamber President at the June 24th Installation and Awards Dinner. Brian Wood and Arif Taj were acknowledged as the 2008 Business of the Year and New Member of the Year award recipients. They will be honored at the Installation Dinner.

Dennis Chiappetta reiterated how important it is that the Chamber has a reserve of funds. Gene Murabito was thanked for the many hours he put into coming up with a workable budget for the 2009 – 2010 year and the staff was thanked for their cooperation in working with the reduction of hours.

Treasurer's Report, Gene Murabito – Gene directed the Board to look at the statement of income and expenditures for May 2009. Events and Special Projects are at 60% of budget at \$19,147.38. Total income was budgeted at approximately \$189,000. Year to date totals are \$163,704.64. Expenses are at 87% of budget at \$160,670.83 for a net gain of \$3,033.71. The 2009 – 2010 proposed budget was reviewed. A motion to accept the budget was made by Rona Lunde and seconded by Fawn Imboden.

Ambassador Report, Jen Loomis – There are 12 active ambassadors at this time. The committee made their recommendation for “Ambassador of the Year” and the surprise recipient will be honored at the June 24th Installation and Ambassador Recognition Dinner.

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Operations, Kathy Hodge - The Bylaws the Chamber currently runs by do not allow for sufficient time to identify candidates for upcoming Board positions. Therefore the Chamber is looking into the formation of a

“Board Development Committee” whose purpose is to find candidates suitable and interested in serving as Chamber of Commerce Board members. It is anticipated that the committee will meet quarterly and two Board members are needed to serve on the committee in addition to the Past President who will serve as chairman. The Board was advised to read the Director of Operations report for further details on the committee and other important information.

Miki Carpenter agreed that such a committee is needed to aid in the selection of qualified Board members.

Director of Business Development, Jen Loomis – Jen informed the Board that the business award recipients were selected by an independent panel of judges in a blind nomination process. July 9th is the date for the first Summer BBQ series. Everyone was invited to attend. BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at the Chamber followed by an informative presentation from Zack Swire on business internet marketing. The Chamber now has a Face Book Page. The Board was directed to read the Business Development Report for more details on membership, the summer BBQ series, the Chamber Face Book Page etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Affairs, Miki Carpenter - Swire Marketing is gearing up to produce another issue of “I Shop Glendora.” The upcoming issue will feature less advertisers and two editorial pages.

Legislative Action, Cliff Hamlow –No report

Flashback, Daryl Overlock –Flashback is 2 ½ months away. Things are going very smoothly and the number of sponsors has exceeded expectations. The Tribune newspaper signed on as a Gold Sponsor and will provide advertising for the event to surrounding communities. The kid’s fun zone is being moved to the street and the band “The Answer” will perform again. Kathy has done a great job in securing sponsors this year. The committee can use help if anyone would like to donate some time.

Scholarship Committee, Miki Carpenter –Two \$1,000 scholarships have been awarded. One to a student from the Charter Oak School District and the second to a student from the Glendora School District. Both applicants were very deserving.

Daryl Overlock stated that the Scholarship Committee is fun to serve on and also very rewarding.

Linda Hermann concurred. “It’s great to see what our youth can accomplish and to see positives instead of all the negativity usually associated with kids.”

Citizen of the Year, Patrick Bushman –No report

CITY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

Glendora City Council, Ken Herman – Things are pretty quiet, reported Ken. Sales tax revenues and commercial real estate sales are down, however Diamond Ridge is a great revenue generator. Retail rentals in the Fresh and Easy project have slowed down due to the gloomy economy. Predictions are that the economy is 2 to 5 years away from recovery.

Village Business Association, Dena Garvin- Smart – The BID has been approved by the City Council and applications for the Board are being accepted.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Charter Oak School District, Clint Harwick –Another 3% has been cut from the budget and 1/3 of the projected stimulus fund monies have been diverted to higher education leading to a total of 14% in revenue cuts for the district. Athens Services was thanked for their \$1,000 donation to the district’s Earth Day event. Summer school is taking place and 409 students were recently graduated. Charter Oak placed amongst the top 1500 high schools in the country.

GUSD, Catherine Nichols –No report

Citrus College, Dr. Geraldine Perri –801 students were recently graduated and the summer session is filled. The college planned for a 2 ½% growth, even though no funding for the extra students is available. The college remains dedicated to providing service to the students and community. Student fees have increased from \$20 to \$26 per unit.

Coordinating Council, Mike Conway –Mike informed the committee that Pat Lakouta will be taking over as President of Coordinating Council and will start attending the Board meetings in July. Linda Hermann was thanked for serving as the Chamber liaison to Coordinating Council.

Miki Carpenter thanked Mike for his service to the Chamber and community.

New Business –A motion to accept the new members was made by Dennis Chiappetta and seconded by Rona Lunde.

Miki Carpenter told the Board about several fundraising events that are in the works. In October an economic summit, “Hot Topics” with panelists from the community discussing economic issues pertaining to businesses is being worked on. And a food tasting event, “Cuisines of the Foothills” is being planned for late Spring 2010.

Rona Lunde thanked Miki for her help with the recent Relay for Life Event. Miki thanked Glen Pine for coordinating the entertainment for the 24 hour event.

D. J. Jafari thanked Miki Carpenter for her presidency and leadership this past year.

Old Business –No report

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 am
Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett*