

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: March 21, 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  
Loukota, Pat – Coordinating Council  
Macias, Anthony –Primerica  
Overlock, Daryl – American Home Source  
Perri, Dr. Geraldine – Citrus College  
Quay, Mary Ann – Vicenti, Lloyd & Stutzman  
Woods, Anne – Express Employment Professionals

**ABSENT**

Carpenter, Mike – Make a Senior Smile  
Deal, Debbie – GUSD Fdn.  
Lune, Rona – Jan’s Towing  
Murabito, Gene – Business Systems Support  
Nichols, Dr. Catherine - GUSD  
Taj, Arif - Sportclips  
Viobecky, Bianca – Ship DTS  
Wood, Brian – Brian Woods Automotive

**STAFF**

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

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

***Pledge of Allegiance***

***Approval of Minutes from the February 17, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting*** –Motion made by Anne Woods and seconded by D. J. Jafari. A motion to approve the new members was made by Daryl Overlock and seconded by D. J. Jafari.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***President, Dennis Chiappetta*** –Dennis opened the meeting by asking the committee to take a look at the Glendora Chamber of Commerce 2010 – 2013 Board of Director Candidate Slate. Nominees include Saed Albasha, Dennis Chiappetta, Linda Hermann, Fawn Imboden, Rona Lunde, Daryl Overlock and Bill Ruh. According to the by-laws, the Board can seat 19 members. The Board Development Committee still has openings for anyone interested in helping review candidates for future Board positions. Meetings for the Board Development Committee will take place quarterly.

***Treasurer’s Report*** – Dennis Chiappetta reported for Gene Murabito that accounts receivables total \$18, 074.16. Total Assets are \$181, 437.06. Total liabilities equal \$15, 277.94. We are at 11% of budget, but still need funds from events to help the Chamber stay in the black. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Anne Woods and seconded by Linda Hermann.

***Ambassador Report, Jen Loomis*** – Jen reported that the Ambassadors are recruiting businesses for the April 24<sup>th</sup> Expo at the Diamond Ridge Shopping Center and they continue to mentor new members at events.

Dennis Chiappetta commented that the Ambassadors do a great job of supporting the Chamber at its many functions.

**STAFF REPORTS**

***Director of Operations, Kathy Hodge*** –Kathy encouraged the Board to sign up early for Citizen of the Year. The Renaissance Fair has donated some free passes to the Chamber, so if you are interested, see me after the meeting. We made \$5,000 from the E-Waste event. The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is doing a reciprocal membership with the Chamber for 2010.

***Director of Business Development, Jen Loomis*** – Jen reported that 17 vendors are signed up as “Cuisines of the Foothills” participants. Covina is working on getting the “Cuisines” webpage up and running. Each Board member was asked to sell 10 tickets to the event. Mark your calendars for May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm. Sixteen vendors have signed up to participate at the Expo. Pet adoptions are being offered, the fire department is participating and health

screenings will take place at the event. There is room for many more vendors, so see me if you would like to participate. Two new members have joined the Chamber because of the Expo. Another summer marketing series is being planned, "Taco Man Thursdays," so stay tuned for details.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Business Affairs, Dennis Chiappetta-*** The BID has decided not to proceed with their Farmers Market reported Dennis.

***Legislative Action, Dr. Cliff Hamlow*** – Dr. Hamlow thanked those Board members that attended the Goldline groundbreaking ceremony at Citrus College. Remember the Senator Huff Education Summit on March 18<sup>th</sup> with keynote speaker Ken Kay of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills. The Legislative committee is currently looking for new members.

***Flashback, Daryl Overlock*** –Daryl reported that Flashback is looking for a band to replace "The Answer" who are not able to perform this year because of a previous engagement. The event is coming along. Regarding the Scholarship program, information has been given to the schools and the deadline for applicants is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Dennis Chiappetta suggested that Daryl contact Gayle at Strings Music as he might have leads on some bands.

### **CITY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS**

***Glendora City Council, Ken Herman*** –Ken reported that the City is facing a budget deficit of thousands of dollars and local municipalities can expect no help from the State. The City is not rehiring, looking at their short and long-term goals and aiming to remain as transparent as possible to the citizens. Increases to PERS are hurting and sales tax revenues are down. The City has \$12 million in reserve and although short term decisions may mean that some of these monies will be used, in the long-term it is not a good idea. There are signs that the economy is turning the corner, but time will tell.

***Village Business Association, Dena Garvin- Smart*** – No report

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

***Citizen of the Year, Dr. Patrick Bushman*** –Dr Bushman reminded everyone that Citizen of the Year is Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Glendora Country Club. The Country Club can accommodate 250 people and 5 tables are already sold. Tickets are \$45.

Kathy Hodge commented that the Country Club is trying a new lay-out to avoid having peoples view blocked by the pillars.

Dennis Chiappetta suggested that the Country Club be asked to coordinate the serving of food so as to not interfere with the speakers.

***Charter Oak School District, Clint Harwick*** – Dr. Harwick reported that in theory trees should be trimmed, not cut down, so the district has had no layoffs and no staff member has had to take mandatory furlough days. However, budget concerns are still forcing the district to take a hard look at expenses. The Mayor was thanked for her support of the district and Cedar Grove and Willow schools were honored as California Distinguished Schools. Students continue to make blankets for the "Blanket of Love Program" which benefits cancer patients at the City of Hope.

***GUSD, Dr. Catherine Nichols*** – No report

***Citrus College, Dr. Geraldine Perri*** –Dr. Perri reported that the Gas Company awarded scholarship monies to 10 colleges, including Citrus. 10 students have been selected for the All Academic Team. The college has received awards for their public relations programs. Men's basketball lost the State Championship by 1 point. Senator Huff's Education Summit will take place on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. Class fees are increasing to \$40 per

unit and the college has been advised to stop offering adult education, senior and fitness classes. Citrus is fortunate enough to have a small reserve of funds.

Dennis Chiappetta thanked Citrus for hosting the recent Goldline groundbreaking ceremony.

***Foundation for Glendora Schools, Debbie Deal*** –No report

***Coordinating Council, Pat Loukota*** –Pat reported that Coordinating Council is currently looking for donations for their Campership program. Their new slate of officers has been installed.

Dennis Chiappetta suggested that a link be added to the Chamber’s website to Coordinating Council. Athens is inserting flyers into outgoing water bills for the “SOS Campaign.”

***New Business*** –Pat Loukota reminded everyone of the Trivia Challenge on March 27<sup>th</sup> which benefits the Library.

***Old Business*** –No report

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 am.  
Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett***