

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Meeting Time: 7:30 am

PRESENT

Bushman, Dr. Patrick – Ludwick Fdn.
Carpenter, Miki
Chiappetta, Dennis- Athens Services
Conway, Mike
Herman, Ken – City of Glendora
Garvin-Smart, Dena – Stellar Business Bank
Hermann, Linda – A & J Cake and Candy
Imboden, Fawn – ACCU
Lunde, Rona – Jan's Towing
Macias, Anthony – Primerica
Murabito, Gene- Business Systems Support
Nichols, Dr. Catherine – GUSD
Perri, Dr. Geraldine – Citrus College

ABSENT

Hamlow, Cliff – APU
Harwick, Dr. Clint – COUSD
Jafari, D. J. – Glendora Tire & Brake
Overlock, Daryl – America's Home Source
Pine, Glen – Spider Productions
Wood, Brian – Brian Wood Automotive
Woods, Anne – Express Employment

STAFF

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

Call to Order – President Miki Carpenter 7:35 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from the April 15, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting – motion made by Dennis Chiappetta and seconded by Fawn Imboden.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President, Miki Carpenter – Miki advised the Board that the Executive Committee has been working on next year's budget and although it is a lean budget, there is still an \$18,000 - \$20,000 deficit. She stated that salary is the biggest expense and to allow everyone to stay employed, Kathy and Jen have agreed to alternate 2 days off per month. Val's hours will be reduced 10 hours. Along with a change in the standard mileage, she feels this should bring us back into balance. With the new activities planned she is hopeful to re-evaluate the budget at a later time. She thanked the staff for their sacrifice. Miki reported Gene will bring a final revised budget to next month's meeting for a vote, introduced Arif Taj from SportClips as a newly appointed board member to fill a vacancy and announced Relay for Life is June 13th. *A signup sheet to walk this event was passed around.*

Election of Officers - The election of officers was held. Dennis Chiappetta was listed on the ballot for President, Linda Hermann for Treasurer and Daryl Overlock as Secretary. *The secret ballot results unanimously elected the aforementioned.*

GLENDORA CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Ken Herman – Ken reported the city has taken steps to alleviate cutting certain things in the City and nothing will close. He reported there is a glimmer that the economy is staging a comeback and that the City is aggressively acquiring property for sale along the corridors. He stated the BID is rolling ahead with some opposition, is set for a June vote and needs a 50% +1 to pass.

EX-OFFICIO ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUSD, Catherine Nichols - Dr. Nichols reported that the Propositions not passing were no surprise. She is anticipating another 3-1/2 million in cuts this year. There is money to offset this year's cuts but not for the coming years. Three years out they are looking at 6 million in cuts. She thanked the community and the educational foundation for raising over \$300,000 to help offset the cuts.

COUSD, Clint Harwick – No Report

Citrus College, Dr. Geraldine Perri – Dr. Perri reported that they have to cut another 1.3 million in 45 days. This will be done by cutting more sessions of classes as well as looking at part time faculty. Enrollment is up due to older workers needing to be retrained in new jobs and students looking at 2 year instead of four year colleges.

Citizen of the Year, Patrick Bushman – Dr. Bushman reported that the Citizen of the Year event was a great evening and it is due to a hard working committee. The City and Chamber should be proud.

Coordinating Council, Mike Conway –Mike reported that the Night On The Plaza Library Fundraiser will be held on July 18th. The next President, Pat Lakouta will be sitting in on the Board meetings once she takes over in July. He thanked the Chamber for their cooperation and support.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Gene Murabito – Gene reported that the Chamber's YTD figure is an \$8,500 gain. The Citizen of the Year income is a little high because expenses were just paid and because of the in kind contributions. He states we are doing very well on the Actual v Budget, are very close in all our categories and that we are cutting 16-17% from next year's budget. *Motion to approve Financials made by Linda and seconded by Rona.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambassador Report, Jen Loomis –Jen reported that the Ambassadors are plugging along and will be helping with some of the upcoming events.

Business Affairs, Miki Carpenter - Miki reported that the committee is working on bringing back the "I Shop" piece and she feels strongly that it needs to continue. She reports that staff is working on a regional Economic Outlook Conference which will include inviting other cities and Chambers, inviting speakers and hopefully be revenue generating.

Legislative Action, Cliff Hamlow –No report

Flashback, Daryl Overlock – No report

Village Merchant's Association, Dena Garvin-Smart - Dena reports the Association changed their meeting schedule and she has nothing to report.

Scholarship Committee, Miki Carpenter –Miki reported that she, Linda and Daryl interviewed 4 candidates. She states it is a great experience to meet the students. They have selected two recipients but cannot release their names since they have not been notified.

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Operations, Kathy Hodge - Kathy reported that her written report was included in the Board packet. She is working on the Annual Report to the City which is due May 30th in accordance with the Chamber contract. Over \$18,000 in sponsorships have been collected for Flashback. An email blast will be going out to membership offering the Supporting Sponsorship opportunity for \$250. Kathy thanked Athens for rejoining the President's Circle at the Silver Level.

Director of Business Development, Jen Loomis –.Jen reported we currently have 358 members including 5 new members in April and already 3 for May. The trend for drops continues to go down. Nomination Forms for the Business Of The Year and New Member Of The Year are included in her written report and she requested that anyone interested in sitting on the selection committee let her know. She mentioned the new BBQ series, Mix, Munch and Mingle scheduled for July, August and September. Zack Swire of Swire Marketing is the featured

speaker and will discuss internet marketing, print media and public relations. Costco is donating the food and she anticipates these events will raise revenue.

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

Old Business –No report

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 am
Minutes recorded by K. Hodge***