



Mentone Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes: 26 April 2016

1. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pastor George Everett @ 7:05 p.m.at the Rocky Point Fellowship Church, 2116 Mentone Boulevard in Mentone.

Board Members Present

Pastor George Everett, Chair
David Wilder, Secretary
Angie DeLaRosa

Erin Franco, Vice-Chair
Arlene Blas, Treasurer
Gabe De LaRosa

Chamber members present:

John Bonson
Penny Smith

Guests:

Stephen Rogers

2. Approve Minutes of the March 2016 meeting

Minutes approved as submitted. Erin/Gabe. MSP

3. Financial Report

U.S. Bank – Checking Account

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY for Period Mar 29, 2016 – Apr 25, 2016

MCC General Account

03/29/2016 Beginning Balance: \$8522.69

Deposits: None

Checks/Debits: \$1899.10

04/04/2016	ATT Monthly Bill (on-line)	81.89
04/05/2016	Ck#1027 Mentone Sign Deposit	1375.00
04/13/2016	Ck#1026 King Legal Group (Billboard Sign Project)	200.00

04/13/2016	Ck#1028 SignsNow-MCC Logo for Citrus Fair (Bal paid)	54.26
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04/20/2016	Ck#1029 U.S. Postmaster annual dues	160.00
04/20/2016	Home Depot Supplies for Citrus Fair Display	27.95
04/25/2016	Ending Balance:	6623.59

Business Savings		
Annual Percentage Yield Earned 0.01%		
03/29/2016	Beginning Balance	1557.70
03/31/2016	Interest paid	0.01
		1557.71

Deposits: None		
03/31/2016	Ending Balance	\$1,557.71.

4. Communications/Correspondence

The Chamber received notice that we won the Citrus Fair First Place, for our presentation. (San Bernardino came in second.) Pictures were handed around for viewing. The orange tree from the display was present. A box of oranges was made available to anyone that wanted to take some.

A request was received from Tim Donnelly, running for Congress, to speak to the Chamber in June. It was suggested that he be allowed to speak for 20 minutes starting at 715.

A request was received by the Gazebo Gazette to post in the paper.

5. Chairman's Report

The sign redesign is finished, and should be in place in May. 4 companies have already signed (and paid) for 6 month contracts, to be displayed on the sign.

Those companies were:

- Mill Creek Restaurant
- Wilbur's Equipment Co.
- Greenspot Farms
- Barnacles Sport Bar

6. Women's Club

The Club is sponsoring a 5th grade science fair winner. Also sponsoring a contestant in the Special Olympics.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

The Mentone Chamber sign in front of Noteworthy Realty has blown down. David made a motion, seconded by Erin, that the Chamber explore the cost of replacing the sign. The original was put up in 2000, and was completed with donations.

9. MACA Report

David Matza, Senator Mike Morrell's office, and Saguaro, from Assemblyman Steinorth's office gave updates. David reported that this was his last day working for the Senator. He is going to work for the gun lobby.

Kent Gallagher, from the Sheriff's Department, is newly assigned to Mentone. He has already begun talking with the homeless in the area.

The Chairman of the San Bernardino Water Conservancy was present and spoke about the community garden. The choices for water are hooking up to Redlands water, or drilling a well on the property. The well will cost approximately \$40,000. It was suggested that the USDA be contacted for possible grant opportunities, as this is a community garden to grow local produce. Also, contact should be made with the California Conservancy for possible grant opportunities.

Gabe and Angie continue to attend the meetings about the Highland housing project, and the County Plan.

10. Ways and Means

There will be a Casino Night in August. More information to be provided at a future meeting.

11. Information

The Adopt-A-Highway program, for Mentone, will be looking into getting sponsors for new shirts.

Angie reported that she had 30 people at her anniversary celebration.

Gabe will contact Jim about securing a letter of donation from Hovi Tile on the lighting for the Mentone sign.

Motion made by Angie/Erin to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

REMINDER

The next meeting will be 31 May 2016 (**Immediately following the 7:00 pm COMET Board meeting**). Minutes Pending Approval