



## **Mentone Chamber of Commerce**

### **Meeting Minutes: August 30 2016**

#### **1. Welcome/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pastor George Everett @ 7:17 p.m.at the Rocky Point Fellowship Church, 2116 Mentone Boulevard in Mentone.

#### **Board Members Present**

Pastor George Everett, Chair  
David Wilder, Secretary  
Jim Lotito, Planning  
Angie De LaRosa  
Penny Smith

Erin Franco, Vice-Chair  
Arlene Blas, Treasure  
Maribeth Lotito, Ways and Means  
Gabe De LaRosa

#### **Chamber members present:**

John Bonson  
Reverend R.C. Dimery

#### **Guests:**

Betty Lancaster  
Carmen Jivory  
Ricardo Canova  
Elijah Wilridge  
Jeremiah Martin  
Deborah Martin  
Stanford E Martin Jr.

#### **2. Approve Minutes of the July 2016 meeting**

The minutes should read, under the financial report – “Web Hosting” instead of “Domain ...”. Minutes approved as corrected Motion Erin/Maribeth. MSP.

#### **3. Financial Report**

**U.S. Bank – Checking Account**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY for Period July 26, 2016 – Aug 30, 2016**  
**MCC General Account**

07/26/2016 Beginning Balance:  
\$6516.13

Deposits: \$50.00

08/16/2016 Ck# 6952 Mentone Congregational Church (membership)  
25.00

08/24/2016 Ck#2123 Mentone Gas Mart (membership)  
25.00

Checks/Debits: \$82.98

08/04/2016 ATT Monthly Bill (on-line) 63.23

08/05/2016 123EHOST- Domain renewal (on-line) 19.75

08/30/2016 Ending Balance: 6483.15

Business Savings

Annual Percentage Yield Earned 0.01%

07/26/2016 Beginning Balance  
1557.74

07/31/2016 Interest paid 0.01 1557.75

Deposits: None

08/30/2016 Ending Balance \$1,557.75

4. Communications/Correspondence

None at this time.

5. Chairman's Report

Ricardo Canova, from County Workforce Development Department, spoke about the services that his department can provide to businesses. They can pay up to half of the wages of a new employee through the Department. There are Business Consultants available to all county based businesses. There is a HR hotline available. There are also business workshops held on a weekly basis.

Reverend .Dimery spoke about his church. There will be a dedication for their organ, the end of October, all are welcome. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Law Enforcement Appreciation Lunch.

6. Women's Club

The Club 's priorities for 2016/2017 are:  
Chili Cook-Off, scheduled for 1 October @ Greenspot Farms, from 4-7:30 pm.

## CHARITIES

Sex Trafficking

Soup Kitchen serves hot meals on Tuesdays from 12:30 - 1:30pm

Special Olympics

There will be a "Bunco night" coming soon.

### 7 **Unfinished Business**

The Mentone sign still does not have the web address/phone number, for the Chamber. Jim will follow up.

The advertisements, on the sign, are coming up on their 6 month anniversary.

Jim will be sending out notices of the opportunity to renew, with 90 days notice.

Jim will establish a "waiting list" for potential new advertisers.

Erin explained that Senator Morrell has provided a flag that flew over the Capital.

Jim will secure a cost for permanent lighting on the flag pole.

### 8. **New Business**

There was discussion of providing appreciation plaques to businesses. The plaques will be researched by Jim.

### 9. **MACA Report**

MACA meets the second Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm at Mill Creek Restaurant.

Scott Reilly from the CHP was present and summarized activities, and jurisdictions in Mentone. Lt Caudel from the Sheriff's department introduced the new deputy for the Mentone area.

The Greenspot development has been approved by the Highland City Council.

The number of homes was reduced from 5,000 to 3,600. There was discussion about where the outlet for drivers to access the Interstate will be.

The president of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservancy, was present and spoke about the Community Garden.

### 10. **Ways and Means**

The Casino Night will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> @ Mill Creek. The doors will open @ 12:00 noon. The tickets will be \$25 each. The theme this year will be the roaring 20's. New Flyers were made available. Stacks of tickets were issued to members, to sell.

### 11. **Information**

None at this time.

Motion made by David/Erin to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

**REMINDER**

The next meeting will be 27 September 2016 (**Immediately following the 7:00 pm COMET Board meeting**). Minutes Pending Approval