



## **Mentone Chamber of Commerce**

### **Meeting Minutes: 28 January 2014**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pastor George Everett at 7:37 p.m., at the Rocky Point Fellowship Church, 2116 Mentone Boulevard in Mentone.

#### **Members Present**

Pastor George Everett, Chair  
David W Wilder, Secretary/Treasurer      Jim Lotito, Ways and Means  
Maribeth Lotito, Planning

#### **Guests**

Gabe DeLaRosa  
Angie DeLaRosa  
Arlene Blas  
Ginger McNiff  
Stephen Rogers

#### **2. Elect New Board Members**

David Made a motion to elect the following individuals to the Board: Arlene Blas, Gabe DeLaRosa, Angie DeLaRosa, Ginger McNiff, Seconded by Maribeth MSP.

#### **3. Approve Minutes of the November 26 meeting**

Correction: Bias should be Blas. Stephen Rogers was in attendance. Motion Jim Second Maribeth MSP.

#### **4. Financial Report**

MCC General Account		
4/1/13 Beginning Balance	\$ 4,155.02	
	Checks/Debits	781.07*
9/30/13 Ending Balance	\$ 3,373.95	
Business Savings		
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.050%	

4/1/13 Beginning Balance	\$ 1,531.58
9/30/13 Ending Balance	\$ 1,531.97
2013 YTD Dividends Earned	\$ 0.59
* Total checks/debits breakdown \$781.07	
\$192.00	PO Box '13-'14
69.09	Verizon
\$203.04	All-Star Engraving (final golf debt)
77.44	Flowers for Oscar's funeral
178.75	Verizon (incl. past due balance)
60.75	Website – annual costs

Penny Smith joined the Chamber by paying \$75.00. (The lower rate of \$25.00 is not on the website at this time.) Arlene will contact Dion about the website.

**5. Unfinished Business**

David asked if the Mentone sign had been corrected. Pastor Everett stated that he would take care of removing the bottom sign in the morning.

**5. New Business**

There was discussion about setting up a kiosk for Chamber information. This would be moved to the various businesses who would provide the staffing for a couple of hours per day. This will need further discussion. The various historical locations of the Mentone Chamber of Commerce were discussed.

**6. MACA Report**

Gabe reported that the presenter at their last meeting was Michael Ramirez from the County Office of Emergency Services. He provided a detail explanation of CERT Training and how to become CERT Certified. There was a great deal of interest.

(Penny explained that one of her positions is with disaster preparedness.)

Ike O'Brien from the County Sheriff's Department spoke about the current criminal trends in Mentone. Car Break-ins are on the rise. The criminals do not steal the car, only the technology within the car. (It was stated that an alarming number of people in Mentone do not even lock their car doors.)

**7. Chairman's Report**

There was no report at this time.

**8. Ways and Means**

Jim stated that the Golf Tournament will be in March. He showed the bags that will be provided by sponsors (@ \$6 per bag). Last year there were 134 golfers, he expects to have a larger turn out this year. Jim distributed flyers for the tournament. Jim expressed his concern that there is not enough prizes being

provided by the Chamber, and warned that a significant segment of the proceeds are used every year to buy raffle prizes. He encouraged everyone to contribute anything they could, keeping in mind the golf theme. Maribeth reported that she continues to make up baskets.

Jim also reported that last year Stater Brothers started its own golf tournament, and ours may have to be at a different time next year.

Maribeth reported that she is still looking into the possibility of a casino night.

## **9. Information**

The Chair distributed copies of the Bylaws. There will be a special meeting prior to the February meeting to consider changes to the Bylaws. Everyone was encouraged to review and be prepared to discuss.

Motion made by David and seconded by Maribeth to adjourn, MSP. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

### **REMINDER**

The next meeting will be February 25 **2014 (Immediately following the 7:00 pm COMET Board meeting)**. Minutes Pending Approval