



Mentone Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes: 25 November 2014

1. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Everett at 7:13 p.m. at the Rocky Point Fellowship Church, 2116 Mentone Boulevard in Mentone.

Board Members Present

Pastor George Everett, Chair	Ginger McNiff, Vice-Chair
David W Wilder, Secretary	Angie DeLaRosa
Gabe DeLaRosa	Maribeth Lotito

Others present:

Erin Franco
Vickie Laudan
Diane McBartlett

2. Approve Minutes of the October meeting

Correction: Bonson to Benson. Motion Maribeth/Angie MSP.

3. Financial Report

U.S. Bank – Checking Account
FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY for Period Oct 28, 2014 – Nov 25, 2014
MCC General Account
10/28/2014 Ending Balance: \$7569.71

Deposits: None

Checks/Debits:

11/04/2014	ATT Monthly Bill (on-line)	71.44
11/04/2014	#1012 Donation Gazebo Gazette	100.00
	Pastor George	
	Total Checks/Debits:	171.44

11/25/2014 Ending Balance:
\$7,398.27

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Business Savings

Annual Percentage Yield Earned 0.01%

10/28/2014 – Beginning Balance \$ 1557.53

10/31/2014 Interest paid \$0.01

Deposits: none

11/25/2014 Ending Balance \$ 1,557.54

4. Unfinished Business

The Welcome to Mentone sign will have the website for the Chamber added to the bottom.

5. New Business

Erin proposes to advertise the Chamber to the community with a kickoff for the New Year.

She proposes that all of the local non-profits, including the Chamber, MACA, COMET and the Senior Center Advisory Committee, participate in presenting their logos on candy canes, cookies, hot chocolate, etc. to be distributed in front of the venue for the Senior Center Benefit on 14 December @ 6:00 pm. There is an effort to have a Santa Claus at the event.

Napoles car lot will be back in business as a car lot, they are currently working on the property.

The bridge to Highland, on Greenspot Road, has been abandoned. There is a new roadway just to the west of the old bridge.

6. MACA Report

Gabe reported that Dave Morrell was unavailable to attend. His field rep Dave Matza introduced Assembly member Steinorth new field representative. Captain Hamlin, from the Sheriff's Department is retiring. There will be a new Captain assigned next year.

There is discussion about putting a volley ball court across the highway from the Senior Center.

Jeff has talked about putting on a Chili Cook-off in the near future.

Gabe has met with Mandy from the Water Conservancy concerning the community garden. They were advised to take a tour of the Calimesa garden and learn what they could about the ins and outs of setting up, and running a community garden. Citizens can lease a plot, which income will pay the price of maintaining the garden. The estimate for the well needed is \$47,000.00.

7. **Chairman's Report**

A vote was taken to go dark in December. Motion David second Maribeth. MSP. The Mentone Gazebo Gazette.com website is up and running. Heskas Sugar Shack has joined the Chamber of Commerce. George reported on the Mike Morell sponsored Chamber awards ceremony. The two entries for the Mentone Chamber were Greenspot Farms, and the Mill Creek Cattle Company. Mill Creek Cattle Company won the award for 2014. Maribeth reported that the award will be delayed until the names can be put on the award. Maribeth will contact Greenspot Farms to give them their award. Pastor Steve Podolak from the Amethyst Bible Church has left his position. The interim Pastor led a group of religious leaders from Mentone in prayers for the continuation of the Church.

8. **Ways and Means**

Maribeth thanked Erin for her involvement in the Chamber, and coordinating the events for the 14th of December.

9. **Information**

There is planning underway for a Chamber mixer in the spring.

Motion made by Ginger/David to adjourn MSP. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. **REMINDER**

The next meeting will be 27 January 2015 (**Immediately following the 7:00 pm COMET Board meeting**). Minutes Pending Approval