



Mentone Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes: 29 September 2015

1. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pastor George Everett at 7:12 p.m. at the Rocky Point Fellowship Church, 2116 Mentone Boulevard in Mentone.

Board Members Present

Pastor George Everett, Chair
David Wilder, Secretary
Maribeth Lotito
Gabe DeLaRosa
Penny Smith

Erin Franco, Vice-Chair
Arlene Blas, Treasurer
Jim Lotito
Angie DeLaRosa

Chamber members present:

John Bonson

Guests:

Dale Howard
Naomi Shaffer
Dave Matza
Stephen Rogers
Vanessa Vasquez

2. Approve Minutes of the August meeting

Correction; correct spelling of Ahlers. Minutes approved as corrected.
Maribeth/Jim, MSP.

3. Financial Report

U.S. Bank – Checking Account
FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY for Period August 25, 2015 – September 29,
2015
MCC General Account
08/25/2015 Beginning Balance: \$9109.13

Deposits: \$820.00

08/26/2015	#1046 Penny Lane Chili Cook-off sponsor	20.00
08/26/2015	#1255 Chili Cook-off sponsor K's Junior. Krafts	20.00
08/26/2015	Rocky Point Fellowship Chili Cook-off sponsor	20.00
08/26/2015	Avodah Fellowship Chili Cook-off sponsor	20.00
08/26/2015	Mentone Thrift Store Chili Cook-off sponsor	20.00
08/26/2015	#2082 Wilber's Power Equipment Chili Cook-off sponsor	65.00
08/28/2015	#6531500627 US Bank Redlands (Stater Bros) Chili Cook-off Spon.	35.00
08/28/2015	#6531500626 Membership U.S. Bank Redlands (Stater Bros)	25.00
08/28/2015	#068332 Larry Jacinto Construction sponsor Chili Cook-off	110.00
09/02/2015	#1256 M.E.A. (ABC) sponsor Chili Cook-off	20.00
09/02/2015	#0155 Mentone Elementary PTO sponsor Chili Cook-off	20.00
09/02/2015	#126 Because Metal Hurts (Jewelry) sponsor Chili Cook-Off	20.00
09/03/2015	Mentone Moose Lodge sponsor Chili Cook-off	20.00
09/09/2015	Jose's Mexican Food sponsor Chili Cook-off	20.00
09/09/2015	#4505 Club Towing CTS sponsor Chili Cook-off	65.00
09/14/2015	#9807 Stafford's Orchard sponsor Chili Cook-off	20.00
09/22/2015	Deposit Gift Baskets raffle monies (Chili Cook-off)	300.00

Checks/Debits: \$870.60

08/26/2015	#1020 DreamGig printing (Mentone Chamber Banner)	18.72
08/25/2015	Postmaster – Stamp Book (mail chili flyers to businesses)	9.80
08/27/2015	Party City (chili cook-off: tickets for Gift baskets raffle)	12.94
08/27/2015	Smart & Final (chili cook-off 20-2oz tasting cups, lids, spoons)	37.08
08/28/2015	#1021 Arlene Blas Chili cook-off	111.89
	(flyers, sponsor letters, PChoice cards, Cannon ink, membership certs)	
09/03/2015	ATT Monthly Bill (on-line)	80.17
09/22/2015	Transfer Gift Baskets raffle monies to C.O.M.E.T account	300.00
	(Proceeds go toward the Mentone Community Park project)	
09/22/2015	# 1022 Maribeth Lotito (6-Gift Baskets – chili cook-off)	300.00
	(Chili Cook-off sponsors paid for the baskets)	

09/25/2015 Ending Balance:
9058.53

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Business Savings
Annual Percentage Yield Earned 0.01%
08/25/2015 Beginning Balance 1557.63
08/31/2015 Interest paid \$0.01
1557.64

Deposits: None
09/29/2015 Ending Balance \$ 1,557.64

The Chili Cook-Off raised \$320 for the Chamber, and \$300 for COMET.

4. Communications/Correspondence

Habitat for Humanities has asked for the Chamber to advertise the upcoming Golf Tournament fund raiser, scheduled for October 13th. The event will be held at Sierra Lakes Golf Club.

David Matza, from Senator Mike Morrell's office, explained the communication received concerning the upcoming Chamber recognition day. The event will take place on October 22nd. The cost to sponsor a table is \$500. A motion was made to pay the table sponsor fee. Motion David/Maribeth. MSP.

5. Chairman's Report

Vanessa Vasquez, from US Bank @ Stater Brothers on Lugonia, presented a program that would earn the Chamber money. The bank has entered into agreements with Elivon Corporation to manage the program. This program is primarily targeted to businesses that take credit/debit cards. The program would earn the Chamber \$25 per referred new accounts for businesses, and 10% on the earnings of the bank on the referred account. She handed out materials explaining the program. This would be a 3 year contract for the Chamber, and would start as of 29 September. A motion was made to enter into the contract with the bank. Motion David/Jim. MSP.

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

Erin announced that the "clean-up" will be moved to the 1st weekend in November. The expectation is that there will be more trash on Halloween. John Bonson brought up the need to contact Cal Trans concerning the dumping of palm fronds, on the boulevard. Erin stated that she would contact Cal Trans concerning this issue.

8. MACA Report

Gabe reported that Dave Matza was in attendance along with John Futch. John Futch announced that he is changing jobs within the Supervisor's office. He will stay in touch with Mentone, as he is a resident of the community. Paul Morrison from the Sheriff's Department attended in Dave Cadell place, and spoke about the increasing number of break-ins in the area. The CHP was unavailable to attend this meeting. Kathleen McDonald, from LAFCOj (Local Agency Formation Commission) was in attendance and spoke about both Redlands, and the County, working on their General Plans. These plans will cover development for the next 15 years. Both entities are encouraging participation by Mentone residents.

9. Ways and Means

Maribeth, Erin and Arlene, have been working together on upcoming activities. They are planning a Christmas party event similar to last year's event. They are also working on a Casino Night for early next year. The annual Golf Tournament will be held the 2nd Monday in March.

10. Information

The Mentone Women's Club is part of an International group. They will be holding a "sock give away" for the homeless the 4th Saturday from 10 – 12 at the Church. They also are participating in "Walk Life".

Motion made by Gabe/Maribeth to adjourn, MSP. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

REMINDER

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