



Mentone Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes: 31 October 2011

1. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alfred Chichester at 7:16 p.m., at the Rocky Point Fellowship Church, 2116 Mentone Boulevard in Mentone.

Members Present

Alfred Chichester, Chair
 Pastor George Everett
 Gabe De La Rosa
 Skip Morris

Oscar Ellis, Vice-Chair
 David W Wilder, Secretary/Treasurer
 Maribeth Lotito Ways and Means

Guests

Angie De La Rosa

2. Approve Minutes of the September meeting

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as submitted. Motion Morris /Second Everett MSP

3. Financial Report

MCC General Account

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 172.91 |
| Deposits/Credits | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Checks/Debits | \$ 632.85 |
| 9/30/11 Ending Balance | \$ 1,040.06 |

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| Exec. Director | \$600.00 |
| Verizon | 32.85 |

Business Savings

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 5,029.93 |
| 1 Credit (Interest) 8/31/11 | \$.64 |
| Transfer to Checking | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 1 Credit (Interest) 9/30/11 | \$.40 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 3,529.97 |

Petty Cash

| DATE | EXPENSE | AMOUNT | BALANCE |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Oct. 31 | None | \$ 0.00 | \$16.00 |

4. **Old Business**

The State Supreme Court upheld the redistricting as submitted.

5. **New Business**

There are 3 new businesses in Mentone. One is in the old Circle K building (it is a smoke shop at Opal Way). Hooka's Lounge is near Beryl between Analytical Rehabilitation and Arthur's restaurant. Tarasco's Restaurant has changed ownership/name.

6. **Executive Director's report**

There was contact from an online Chamber program called Chamber Team. The ED will follow up on this contact.

It is time for renewal of our D & O Insurance; the premium cost has not changed. ED received approval from the Chairman and Secretary Treasurer to make down payment in the amount of \$253 and finance the remainder under the same terms as last year.

General work completed including updating of website (with Dionne's assistance), answering Chamber phone and emails, banking, and making outreach and membership follow-up contacts to area businesses and media outlets.

7. **Chairman's Report**

There was no report made at this time.

8. **MACA Report**

There will be a tree lighting ceremony at the Center on Thursday 10 December @ 6:30 pm. A Christmas Parade was considered but cannot happen this year; this has been tabled until next year. The next meeting will be the election of Officers.

9. **Ways and Means**

Maribeth submitted a report: A written outline of the proposal for a Multiple Chamber (including Highland, and other San Bernardino Valley area Chambers) Mixer on December 15, 2011, to be held at Mill Creek Cattle Company. (See picture of outline inserted at bottom of minutes).

Ellie will be donating a special quilt of an original design from Civil War soldier usage, with historical record, for a special drawing to raise funds. The tickets will be 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 and 6 for \$10.

Mentone will be the only Chamber that will have trees for auction.

10. **Information**

The Redlands Chamber is reportedly in financial difficulty and is planning to sell their building.

Motion made by M. Lotito Second by Morris to adjourn, MSP. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

REMINDER

The next meeting will be **28 November 2011 (Immediately following the 7:00 pm COMET Board meeting)**. Minutes Pending Approval

PROPOSAL: Multi Chamber Holiday Mixer at Mill Creek Cattle Company

DATE: Thursday, December 15th

TIME: 5 PM until 9 PM

TICKET PRICES: \$12 per person for buffet and entertainment. NO DRINKS INCLUDED

This invitation is open to all chambers within the San Bernardino County Third District. The purpose is to have a multi-chamber opportunity to network and meet. Third District supervisor Neil Derry has committed to singing a few select Sinatra songs for the evening.

The profit sharing opportunity for each participating chamber organization is as follows:

1. Each chamber will be issued a block of tickets to sell in ADVANCE. The minimum amount will be 20 tickets to sell the maximum will be 40 depending on how many chambers participate. \$7 of each ticket is payable to Mill Creek for the cost of buffet. \$5 balance paid to the participating chamber.
2. Each chamber will also be responsible to fill two 6ft tables with silent auction items. Proceeds raised go directly to the chamber providing them.

Mill Creek is planning a delicious buffet for our guests. The event will take place in Diamond Jim's Banquet Hall with a seating capacity of 200.

In the spirit of the holidays, tickets purchased at the door will be sold by a local Veterans Support organization (tbd) with proceeds going to support veterans this holiday season.

Supervisor Derry is pleased to join us for this very special evening. As we are all working to support common business issues throughout the Third District, having the opportunity to collectively plan and present events can be a creative way to meet new members and make new friends.