



**Mentone Chamber of Commerce**  
**Meeting Minutes: 29 August 2011**

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alfred Chichester at 7:21 p.m., at the Rocky Point Fellowship Church, 2116 Mentone Boulevard in Mentone.

**Members Present**

Alfred Chichester, Chair	Oscar Ellis, Vice-Chair
Pastor George Everett	David W Wilder, Secretary/Treasurer
Ellie Lafferty	Gabe De La Rosa
Kimberly Wilder, Executive Director	

**Guests**

Chas Kelley, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor's Field Rep  
 Loreen Costello

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

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as submitted. Motion Ellis/Second Everett MSP

**3. Financial Report**

**MCC General Account**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 78.24</b>	
Deposits/Credits	\$ 1,078.00	
Checks/Debits	\$ 430.68 {	Exec. Director \$ 300.00 D&O \$ 97.85 Verizon \$ 32.83
<b>7/31/11 Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 647.56</b>	

**Business Savings**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,528.17</b>	
1 Credit (Interest)	\$ .76	
Withdrawals/Debits	\$ 1,500.00 {	General Acct. \$1,000.00 Bus. Liability Ins. \$ 500.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,028.93</b>	

YTD Dividends Earned                      \$     5.80

**Petty Cash**

DATE	EXPENSE	AMOUNT	BALANCE
July 10	Paper	\$20.00	\$16.00

**4. Old Business**

George reported that he has repainted the Mentone sign, removed the graffiti and added the web address for the Chamber, but he is concerned that the lettering is too small. He will look into repainting in larger letters. The Fire Department has also removed the graffiti from the small building next to the fire station.

**5. New Business**

There was a call from the owner of a small hamburger stand in Big Bear, that would like to expand their business into Mentone, by taking over the building that has been abandoned (Thom's Burger). Any follow up conversations will be reported.

It was reported that the large marijuana dispensary located near Arthur's has been shut down by the Sherriff's Department (the same one we previously received a complaint about). There are still 3 other dispensaries in operation.

**6. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director's Report for August 29, 2011

Regarding follow up notice from CA Atty. General's Office requiring all of our historical documentation from inception of COMET. Searched the records in ED's possession & located most of required documents; still need banking records. We received a new "Business" membership application with payment this month from D. Raley, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District; they may send a representative to future meetings.

We are encouraged by the fact that we have received more Chamber calls inquiring into how to obtain business licensing and permits over the last three months. One recent call was from an individual in the process of setting up a Sign Language Interpreting Service and ADA Educational Consulting business here in Mentone. She may begin attending our meetings and ED may be working with her in the future.

Another call that came in was from the CA Earthquake authority, seeking support from the Chamber for legislation on earthquake insurance. She will email further information to ED.

We have also received a few email requests for information, which we have provided.

Since the June 8 auto collision, ED's ability to work is still impacted by pain and medical treatment, so will have put in just 30 hrs. for August by the 31st.

7 **Chairman's Report**

No report was made at this time.

8. **MACA Report**

Gabe reported that there was a letter of support concerning the weed removal from the property next to Mill Creek provided to the County.

It was suggested that MACA might want to invite someone from the Land Use Division to be the speaker at the next MACA meeting on 13 September.

9, **Ways and Means/Planning**

No report at this time.

10. **Information**

No additional information was made available at this time.

Motion made by Wilder, Second by Ellis to adjourn, MSP. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

**REMINDER**

The next meeting will be **26 September 2011 (Immediately following the 7:00 pm COMET Board meeting)**. Minutes Pending Approval