

Rio Linda Elverta Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Morris at 6:02 PM at Depot Park. Guests included the Food Closet, Roger Mitchell, and Don Flesch.

President Morris reported on the recent CASA meeting where topics included the homeless problems and a grant received by the county to help fix problems with homeless issues, illegal parking, and a recent cleanup at 32nd and Q street. The new Supervisor, Sue Frost, was in attendance at the meeting.

Reporting on the renovation of the Community Center, President Morris reported that the kitchen still is in the process of being completed. Problems still exist and the assistance of Supervisor Frost may be requested to help with solving them so the project can be completed.

Roger Mitchell gave an update on the fire engine restoration project. Restoring an engine from another era is a long and tedious process, done with loving care to bring the engine back to it's original state. Roger showed a radiator pressure cap and gave the Board an idea of what it took to make it look as it did originally. Roger also thanked the Board for printing the tickets for the annual firehouse fundraising dinner.

Current membership renewals include:

- Free Ticket To Heaven Ministry
- ABC Ready Mix
- Gilbert Tafoya Custom Residential Remodeling for ADA
- Twin Rivers School District
- SMUD
- Canady Pump and Motor Service
- George Harsch and Elinor Anklin
- Bevan Richardson DDS
- Weit Solutions Inc.
- GRP 2011 LLC (Gibson Ranch)
- In2GRSED Rhythmic Brain Body Kinetics
- Del Niro Wood Products
- River Ridge Realty
- Maverick Office Systems
- Archway Market
- AOL Insurance Sales Center
- Rio Linda Grange #403
- Rio Linda Masonic Lodge #786
- Rio Linda Pest Control
- State Farm Insurance Agency
- American Legion Haggin Grant Post 521
- Creekwood Equestrian

Director Chuck Gordon reported that there is now only one Food Source location available for Kids ID. He would like to go to the family learning center in North Highlands every 2-3 months.

Minutes of the December 2016 meeting were read by Secretary Linda Waldeck and accepted.

Vice President Sysong Vue reported on banners for the Chamber and presented literature on some she has used for SAFE. Director Hal Morris offered the use of free graphic design that he did not need for the Chamber logo design. Director Landstrom needs 2 horizontal banners so we will get those

first. Director Vue reported on programs SAFE currently has to assist people in saving money on home refinancing and auto loans. There is also a member appreciation day on March 4 at the McClellan office.

Director Landstrom reported that there were 60 baskets distributed at Christmas. The Christmas parade was a huge success. The Chamber provided cookies and hot chocolate for those watching the parade. The Community Center is already booked for the Holiday Social in 2017. Breakfast with Santa went well. We need a new Christmas tree for 2017. New puppets are needed for this year. Hal has one but additional are needed. Eric from the Park District would like a contribution for candy for the annual Easter event. The budget for the Holiday Social will need to be increased this year due to the popularity of the event.

Director Hal Morris reported that there was no Dry Creek Parkway meeting. The possibility of an elected director being able to appoint an alternate to attend a Chamber meeting was presented. This will be discussed at a future meeting. The Honorary Mayors race was briefly discussed with the conclusion that changes must be made.

Director Jordan Backhaus indicated that he would like to find ways to make things better for local businesses and wants to find out how the Chamber can help our businesses.

Reporting on the recent walk thru of the Mar Val shopping center, President Morris indicated that there are local entities that would like to use part of this property but that the condition of the property is not good.

The Food Closet reported on the number of area residents served in 2016. The number of homeless in the area has dropped from 55 to 20. With the harsh winter weather conditions, the Food Closet will open their facilities as a warming center whenever the temperature drops below 40 degrees. Community assistance is needed to help with this project. Those able to help can sign up for a time with the Food Closet.

The American Legion will be having several events this year including a Super Bowl Party, a chili cook off on March 4, and a Fireworks car show.

Roger Mitchell reported that the restoration committee is sponsoring a car show on Memorial Day, May 27.

Don Flesch spoke on the possibility of using some of the old school buildings for the homeless. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.