

Rio Linda Elverta Chamber of Commerce  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Morris at 6PM. President Morris also led the pledge to the Flag. Guests included Andre Pitchley from the Park District and Catherine Green and Brenda Conover from the Food Closet. All current Directors were present. The seat vacated by Director Don Baxter has not been filled yet.

A MOTION was made by Director Hal Morris and seconded by Director Chuck Gordon to approve the minutes from the last meeting as provided to them. The motion PASSED unanimously.

Andre provided an update on the break in on the tennis court from last weekend. The lock was cut but damages were only cosmetic with no permanent damage to the court surface. Thanks were given to the Chamber for their help with events from 2015. Upcoming events include the Easter Eggstravaganza which will include a kids zone. Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event at several different levels. Contact the Park District for more details. Other proposed events in 2016 include the Trunk or Treat and the Christmas Social and Pancake Breakfast. The Park District was pleased with the Christmas event and would like to run it in a similar manner this year with the Chamber.

The Food Closet presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce for their contribution to the group. Over 50 Christmas baskets were passed out to members of our community filled with holiday dinner fixings and gifts for the children. 2015 was a good year for the Food Closet and all that it does for our community.

President Morris reported that the signage in Depot Park for the Chamber is on hold until the signs for the Park itself are completed.

Director Chuck Gordon reported that Sara's Kids ID has passed out 16,134 registration forms since it was started. Work in the Firehouse is proceeding with several parts for the engine coming back from getting a chrome finish and the installation of an ADA compliant bathroom door now completed. The CASA meeting was well attended. The presentation on security was of interest to all. Director Gordon also mentioned the CERT training that is available to those interested in the community which allows you to be able to assist in disasters which might affect our community.

Director Linda Waldeck noted that the 4H horse project is becoming more active and might like to use the Park horse arena for practices.

Director Chantel Landstrom commented on several items including the upcoming meeting with Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan concerning the area homeless and our donation

to the Eggstravaganza. It was suggested that the Chamber be the lead sponsor for the Noise for Toys event and that we look for a larger venue. Proceeds and donation from this event go to the Christmas Baskets. It was noted that these baskets are different from Rubys Baskets. Discussion about the Holiday Social concerned whether we should have the joint event with the Park District or return to sponsoring an evening one as we had done previously. This event has always been free and provided games and crafts for the children. The Depot lighting is also a part of this and was missed by the community last year.

Director Landstrom suggested that we support the Trunk or Treat as we have in the past. She also asked if it would be possible for groups that ask for our support be asked to place large cans out for donations of food, toys, etc. to be used for our community.

All is proceeding well with the Fireworks Booths for 2016. We were reminded that National Night Out is the first Tuesday in August.

The Executive Committee needs to meet to set a budget prior to allocating any funds for the year. President Morris will arrange for a meeting.

Director Don Flesch thanked Chuck Gordon, Hal and Lisa Morris, Linda Waldeck, and Chantel Landstrom for helping Don and his wife, Kathy, in judging the Christmas lighting contest. In addition to the ribbons for placing in the contest Don also gave everyone who entered a participants ribbon. Director Flesch also said the Honorary Mayors race will be held as usual in 2016. After discussion, it was decided that Hal Morris, Lisa Morris, and Chuck Gordon would work with Don Flesch to update the Ruby Wilson plaque.

Director Sally McGrath announced that plans are under way for the Cowboys, Farmers, and Ranchers event at the library. This will be on the first Saturday in June from 2:30-4:30 with entertainment but no vendors.

Director Hal Morris had nothing to report at this meeting.

Director Sysong Vue invited everyone to a member appreciation day at SAFE in McClellan Park on Friday March 30.

In closing, President Morris reminded us of the Business Walk at 9AM on the second Thursday in February. Supervisor MacGlashan will be retiring at the end of her current term. One candidate for her seat on the Board of Supervisors is Sue Frost. It is possible that she might attend a future Chamber meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 . A closed session meeting followed for the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Waldeck  
Secretary