

RLECOC Minutes
February 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Linda MacCracken at 5:34 PM. The pledge to the flag was led by Chantel Lindstrom. Guests included John Todd and Brenda Connover.

A recent local cleanup was deemed successful with nine people participating including some of the area homeless. The Food Closet provided bags and grabbers. A pickup load of trash was removed. Hal Morris suggested that there are sources for obtaining the orange pickup bags free.

Chantel attended the last Visions meeting and reported that business owners in the downtown Rio Linda area are frustrated with sanitation problems around their businesses from our area homeless. A Porta Potty half way between the businesses and the park was mentioned with the cost running around \$1000.00 per year. Hal Morris commented that County Parks might be able to provide a Porta Potty. He will keep us informed. In order to assist with funding a motion was made by James Jackson and seconded by Lisa Morris to have Chantel Lindstrom draft a letter requesting that local businesses make donations for the project. This will help to further keep our downtown businesses and park clean. After discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

President Linda MacCracken presented the event calendar from last year. She indicated that she would like to have a calendar available that lists all events for the year from every group on it, thus hopefully eliminating any unnecessary conflicts and allowing for mutual cooperation and successful endeavors. Some dates mentioned were the Little League parade on the last weekend in March; Thunder in the Park; Creek week on the second week in April; and Farm animal day at the Library in late summer as well as safety days in June. These functions plus any others already on the calendar and additional ones as supplied will be joined into a master calendar of events for the Rio Linda Elverta area.

Director and Event Coordinator Chantel Lindstrom has a 2/26 meeting scheduled with TNT. She feels that we need to renegotiate the rental price for the Safeway location (\$3500) as head of the fireworks committee has the authority to do so.

In order to get reimbursement from Roberta MacGlashan for the \$500 we have already paid out for the Christmas baskets a letter needs to be submitted to her office. Linda MacCracken will write the letter and if needed, James Jackson will pick up the check.

In order to assist Director Don Flesch with the Holiday Lighting contest, Director James Jackson has volunteered to be on the contest committee.

Rio Linda High School is having an open house on 4/9. Hal Morris will man the Chamber table. There will be no formal Chamber meeting in April.

Sally McGrath reported that circulation at the library is up 4%. Farm animal day will be some time in late summer.

Lisa Morris reported a good turnout at the last CASA meeting with the next scheduled for 3/20. Supervisor MacGlashan will have her community meeting immediately following.

Hal Morris discussed the portable toilet issue as part of the Dry Creek Parkway. An upcoming CPAC meeting will discuss the Northboro development which is part of the Elverta Villages project. If there is interest Hal will try to get someone from the project to speak to the Chamber.

Director Don Baxter reminded everyone that Food Source is an excellent place to get your Valentine's Day roses. He also mentioned that the Sheriff has been observing those loitering in the shopping center and may issue citations.

President MacCracken ended with a reminder that the Chamber will help with the Park Dept. Eggstravaganza on 4/19. The Grange has its Chili and Chocolate potluck on Saturday. And to keep up on what's going on in Rio Linda by e mail be sure to join Erwin's list.

Memberships include John Todd A1 Storage and B and B Marketing.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 for a closed session meeting of board members.