

RLE Chamber of Commerce and Civic League Open Session Minutes for August 9, 2021

Meeting opened by President Worth at 3:09 PM.

Roll Call:	Present	Excused	Absent
Tabitha Worth, President (exp 2023)	X		
Wendy Stirnaman, Vice President (exp 2021)	X		
Cheryl Cook, Treasurer (exp 2021)	X		
Gene Moore, Secretary (exp 2022)	X		
Cindel Pena (exp 2023)	X		
Kris McCandless, Director (exp 2023)	X		
Dan Welch, Director (exp 2022)	X		
Charlea Moore (exp 2022)	X		
Tonia Silva, Director (exp 2021)	X		

Quorum Present: Yes

1. Motion by Charlea, 2nd by Tonia to approve the minutes of the 07/12/21 meeting. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's report will be amended and brought back to the next meeting for approval.

3. Introductions. None

4. Public comments:

Kris reported that the Historical Society will have a Community Yard Sale on August 28 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Kris also reported that there will be Zucchini races at the August 19 Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Grange.

5. Old Business:

5.1. New Chamber logo suggestion: Charlea presented a revised draft from Andee Worth. Some suggestions were made for changes and Charlea will bring it back at the next meeting.

5.2 Mayor's contest: Ernie Fernandez from the American Legion was the winner, raising \$4000.00. Sara Williams raised \$1675.00. Half of those amounts was donated to the candidate's charities.

5.3. Gene reported on the status of our 501(c)(6) reinstatement. We had to re file all of the 990-EZ forms, since the IRS throws away ones that are filed while the organization is suspended. We have also appealed to the IRS to waive any fines. We have filed form 3500 with the FTB, as well.

5.4. "Business of the Month". Cindel has a plan to implement this, and has a list of the first 12 businesses to be honored.

5.5. Revive business mixers. The first mixer will be on August 10 at Famous Pizza. We are still tentatively scheduling October 7th as a "Chamber Grand Opening" to reintroduce the community to the "new" Chamber.

5.6 Welcome package for new businesses. Tonia will put together a proposal to have a welcome package. It will include a plaque identifying the business as a Chamber member, coupons for local businesses and other gifts.

5.7. Sample Newsletter. Charlea presented a proposed layout for a quarterly newsletter. Lots of discussion with regard to content. Newsletter will be mailed to Chamber members, but will also be online for public consumption.

5.8 (formerly known as 5.9). National Night out. Tabitha reported that this was a success with good participation. She would like to get bounce houses for next year.

6. New Business:

6.1. Bank Communication. Our bank contacted Lisa Morris to tell her that a deposit had been made. Tabitha and Cheryl will contact the bank to find out why this happened. Lisa is no longer associated with the Chamber and should not have been contacted.

6.2 (not on agenda). After some discussion, the Chamber will contact the Grange to see if we can hold further meetings there and making them open to the public. The plan is to hold the September meeting at Tonia's office, and then all further meetings at the Grange.

7. Directors comments:

None

Motion to adjourn by Charlea, 2nd by Dan. Meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM by Tabitha. Next meeting is on September 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gene Moore
RLE Chamber Secretary