

Rio Linda Elverta Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Hal Morris. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Deb Crowe spoke on the progress of the Barn Quilt project. Numerous locations in our local area which have Barn Quilts were discussed. There are several locations with Quilt Blocks in Gibson Ranch including a ranch house quilt block at the four way stop. Other sites within the park as well as other types of quilt block patterns perhaps featuring farm animals were discussed. The possibility of putting a small plaque on the quilt blocks which were sponsored as a thank you was mentioned. The idea of multiple quilt blocks around the park was met with approval by those present.

Director Lisa Morris spoke with the shop teacher at Rio Linda High School concerning the Chamber sign in Depot Park. She presented an example from a flyer of a metal sign that could be made. The board at the entry to the Community Center is an example of what the shop teacher could make. It has general information plus listings for upcoming events. This is basically what the Chamber sign would have. A rough estimate for the cost would be \$1000. Concerning the sign for Welcome to Rio Linda, there would be no permit needed as it is on Park property but Park Dept. must approve the design.

The remodel of the Community Center kitchen is temporarily on hold. The permit for the work will not be issued until a few issues are resolved. Reminders were made for the upcoming CASA meeting. Roberta MacGlashan will speak after the Sheriff. Supervisor MacGlashan will not be holding the 7:30 AM meetings at Cherry Island Golf Course any longer.

Director Chantel Landstrom met with Lizzie of the Park Department about the Trunk or Treat event in the Community Center parking lot for Halloween. There will be no evening Christmas social but we will do basic games and crafts as we did before at the event hosted by the Park District. Sally McGrath will also be doing a table with crafts. For the Christmas baskets, Robert Sanchez will be helping with the car club toy drives. The musical event at the American Legion Hall on November 22 will have the proceeds donated to the Christmas baskets. Tickets for entry will be either a donation or a toy for the baskets. A raffle will also be held. All contracts for the 2016 fireworks booths have been signed with TNT. Applications are also in for the fire permits.

Director Linda MacCracken made a **motion** that the Chamber provide \$50 for

Chantel to purchase candy for the event with Lizzie. Hal Morris seconded the motion. With no opposition, the **motion passed**. As part of the Country Faire committee, Director MacCracken passed on thanks for the Chambers contribution to the Country Faire.

Director Linda Waldeck brought up the recent fire in Elverta and the confusion that was experienced by those involved concerning how to handle evacuation of both persons and livestock. Communications are difficult at times like this with numerous people wanting to help but not knowing how. Meetings with agencies involved such as fire, CHP, Sheriff etc. could help to allow citizens to assist but not be in the way. Thanks to the hard work of all involved this fire did not turn into a major disaster.

President Hal Morris announced that the Chamber phone number 916-991-9344 will be active on Friday with ATT.. All equipment belonging to Comcast will be returned.

It was noted that it is time for our annual election of Chamber Board members. Seats currently held by Chantel Landstrom, Linda MacCracken, and Lisa Morris are to be filled this election. The election committee will consist of Hal Morris serving as Chairman and Linda Waldeck. Those interested in running for office at this time are Sysong Vue from SAFE and current Directors Chantel Landstrom and Lisa Morris. Director MacCracken will not run for reelection. Nominations are still open for interested parties. A letter to all members in the Chamber must go out 30 days before the election with the ballot enclosed.

President Morris announced that he had been working on a color photo post card with the other side a request for businesses to join or renew their Chamber membership. This will be done with a contract for \$300 with a mailing company. It was suggested that this might also include the letter and ballot for the election. A request for membership from the Economic Development Department was received. Hal will handle this. Requests for membership have been received from the American Legion and Rio Linda Pest Control. Both applications were accepted.

Thanks were given to the Rio Linda Food Closet for their continued support and attendance of the Chamber and its events.

After discussion, a **motion** was made by Linda MacCracken to change the starting time of the Chamber meetings to 6 pm starting in November. The motion was seconded by Chantel Landstrom. The **motion passed** with no opposition.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Waldeck
Secretary