

Rio Linda Elverta Chamber of Commerce  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 9 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Hal Morris at 5:55 PM. Visitors included Sysong Vue, Cecilia Cervantes, and Food Closet representatives Brenda, Bev, and Catherine.

President Morris reported that there had been a mail theft which prevented the mailing of the ballots for our election of officers for 2016. After discussion, a **MOTION** was made by President Morris and seconded by Director Linda MacCracken to accept the three names on the ballot as directors. With no opposition, the **MOTION PASSED**.

Director Don Baxter submitted his resignation as Food Source has transferred him to the Rancho Cordova store. The new manager for Food Source in Rio Linda will be Ian Snell. The opportunity to take Don's place on the Chamber Board will be offered to the new manager. Tributes and thanks were given to Don Baxter from all the Directors. He will be missed by the Chamber and the entire community.

Upcoming Grange events were listed including the Chili, Chocolate, and Cornbread Cookoff on February 13. Entry fee is \$5 with a donation requested to participate as a taster. The Mystery Theatre dinner will be February 19 at 6 PM. This event will be held in conjunction with the Lions. Both the Cookoff and Mystery Dinner will be at the Rio Linda Grange Hall at 1315 G Street.

The Library hosts a number of events each month. Last night was the Mission to Mars with official volunteers from NASA. The following week will feature a ukelele band. Other upcoming events can be found on the Library calendar.

Director Chantel Landstrom reported that she has spent more than \$200 so far on the Holiday event at the American Legion.

She also said that we still need to receive the \$500 from Supervisor MacGlashan's office for the event. Directors Morris agreed to contact the Supervisor's office with the request for funds.

The Food Closet Holiday Baskets are going great, with 100 baskets planned. Toys are still needed. Some have been received from the CHP. Deadline for toys is December 13-14.

Discussion concerning what the Chamber can do to help support the Holiday Social at the American Legion resulted in Director MacCracken and community member Cecilia Cervantes volunteering to help at the event on Saturday.

Director Chuck Gordon reported that Sara's Kids ID has registered more than 16,000 (16,044) kids since it first started.

Director Don Flesh noted that there had been no Chamber meeting in November as the meeting date fell on a holiday (Veterans Day). After discussion, Director Flesch made a **MOTION**, seconded by Director MacCracken, that when a meeting date falls on a holiday, the Chamber will set another meeting dated during that month. The **MOTION PASSED** with no opposition.

As a reminder – officers will be elected during Closed Session at the end of the business meeting tonight.

Judging for the Christmas lighting contest will take place on December 26. Judges Don and Kathy Flesch, Hal and Lisa Morris, Chantel Landstrom, and Linda Waldeck will meet at Depot Park for instructions at 6pm.

It was mentioned that the plaque for the Ruby Wilson award was not up to date and that there were different types of name plates with different type styles on them. It was noted that the Chamber has nothing to do with the selection of the recipient nor maintaining the plaque itself but only pays the bill.

As some days may not be available for the Chamber to use the Depot Park meeting room if they have to choose an alternate meeting date, both the Library and the Grange Hall were mentioned as possible alternatives.

The Chamber phone is now working again. Bill for that will be put on autopay.

The Food Closet reported that they had received 4217 pounds of donated food, with 450 pounds of that from the Lutheran Church and the majority of the balance from the Robla School District. A breakdown of the 4523 people served by the Food Closet listed age group 18-59 2501; 60+ 1137; 4-7 577; and 0-3 308.

As of the end of 2016 there will be no Food Closet unless a permanent home is found. After discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Director MacCracken and seconded by President Morris to run a weekly ad in the Rio Linda News listing the statistics on how many people the Food Closet serves in our community and asking for everyone to look for a new home for the Food Closet. The **MOTION PASSED** with Director Don Flesch abstaining.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned as the Directors went to closed session.

When the meeting reconvened, the officers for 2016 were announced:

President: Lisa Morris

Vice President: Don Flesch

Treasurer: Chantel Landstrom

Secretary: Linda Waldeck

Thanks were given to the Food Closet for the wonderful work they do for our community.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

