

East Mountain Chamber of Commerce

General Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 11:50 am.

Present: Jeff Burdette, Peggy Moeller- Mead, Carolyn Hocke, Paul Mendoza, Deea Emmons

Absent: Mary Martinez, Susan Walker

Agenda Item I. Current Member Presentation – Pastor John Torrison –Vista Grande Church

The Vista Grande Church holds service at the Vista Grande Community Center in Sandia Park. The Church holds services Sunday at the Vista Grande Community Center. The church owns 6 acres across from the East mountain High School and hopes to one day build their church on their property once they have enough funds. The Vista Grande Church also participates in the “Hand to Hand Medical Supply Ministry.” The Ministry collects donated items such as crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, shower seats, bed pans and has a check out system similar to the library so that our residents may borrow the needed items and return them. They also have a “Wood Ministry” that delivers wood free to families in need during the winter. A member from their church started a “Bag Lady Ministry” that provides a stuffed animal, a blanket and hygiene items for foster care children so that they always have something that it theirs to keep. The Ministry has made 100 bags so far. The ministry also helps with East mountain Celebration providing water, taking care of the trash and set up of the event. The Vista Grande Church is still shy 1.3 million to build their church and they are accepting donations for this cause. Pastor Torrison passed out their booklet. The Church will also have a Soccer Camp July 12th-from 530p until 730p. Please call 228-7890 for more info.

Agenda Item II. Guest Speaker – Stephanie Miller- Roadrunner Food Bank

The Food Bank provides food assistance for the entire State of New Mexico and is a member of Feeding America. At one time New Mexico was the hungriest State in the USA, we are currently at number 5. One in six people need food assistance in this State. The Food Bank assists soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters and day care, which total 300 different providers. They receive 3 semis’ per day + 60000 lbs. of food per day. 2.5 million lbs. provide 3 weeks of food for the Bank. Last spring they were feeding 40000 people per week and 40% were children an 13% were seniors and the numbers are going up. 62% of the Bank’s food is fresh food, produce, dairy, fruits and meats. The Bank also runs a Mobile Food Pantry and Road Run program for the very rural areas. Each family receives 55 lbs. of food and it is first come first served. There is also an emergency food box that is non-perishable that social workers, family advocacy centers, APD and UNM have supplies of the boxes. Their best known program is the Backpack Program, 55% of our children qualify for this program and are given a plain backpack every Friday to take home. This is a non-perishable pack that the child takes home. The school can advise the Food Bank if the family needs more than one pack. 38 schools participate currently versus 28 school when the program began 8 years ago. The pack was designed by a nutritionalist. There are set tours the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 830am at the Food Bank. The Bank also has a Senior Program that is a monthly supplemental program that is currently serving 1200 people per month. The program is funded by individuals, grants, government stamps. Here in the East Mountains we have the Tijeras Food Pantry and the Moriarty Food Pantry

Agenda Item III. Treasurer’s Report- Susan Walker is currently out of town.

Agenda Item IV. Executive Board Report

Passed out the Member signup sheet for Wednesday volunteers here at the Visitors Center.

Need membership drive.

Chamber is “Adopting a Highway” near mile marker 7

www.newmexico.org/tournm - Go to site to add your business

President Burdette has 4 keys to the Visitors Center and will be distributed to the Board Members. A lockbox was suggested so that the Board Members would not have to open up for the members.

President Burdette is working on the online calendar.

Ellen Ashcraft needs your info for the Chamber Voice by June 7th please.

Discussed Golf Tournament "September 9th, 2010" Need sponsors of teams, holes, promotional items for golf bags. Plan for 80 gift bags. President Burdette is attending the next golf meeting next Thursday.

Drawing Member of the Month

Jeanette Raver – Keller Williams Realty

Announcements

- Publicity – Ellen Ashcraft – the Telegraph offers discounted rates to chamber members to advertise in the Chamber Voice. Ad must be in by the last Thursday of the month. Contact Alexandra at 823-7100
- Edgewood Chamber meeting next Wednesday at Knuckleheads.
- Edgewood Mixer at Step Up Child Care Thursday June 17th, 2010
- 1st Monday of the month Tijeras Village Zoning meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm