



**Magdalena Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2014
Magdalena Public Library**

Present: Ted Bending, Catherine DeMaria, Danielle Fitzpatrick, Nina McCabe, Mayor Diego Montoya

Call to Order: Catherine called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes: As the November minutes were only sent out shortly before the meeting, the Board agreed to review them and send edits by email.

Agenda Review: There were no changes to the agenda.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Bending presented the November report. An additional \$40.00 is credited to the Star party tickets. On the debit side mailing brochures out to Visitors Centers across the state cost \$53.88 in UPS charges. The cost of the new sign on Highway 60 was \$117.63 to Lucky Signs, and the Holiday radio spots cost \$171.31. Since the wording "Paid for by Magdalena Lodger's Tax" does appear on the Highway sign, this cost will be defrayed by Lodger's Tax. The balance in checking is \$876.09. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion passed. Catherine asked Ted for a total spent on Holiday advertising, including the Defensor Chieftain bill.

New Mexico Tourism Grant for Star Party: Nina reported that she and Robert Pody drove to Albuquerque to interview with the Tourism Board in regard to the Chamber's application for \$2500 grant to fund the Star Party. The interview went very well. She mentioned that the Tourism Board is looking at the application and the Chamber's effort around astro-tourism with a long-term perspective. We should hear their decision as to the grant relatively soon. Catherine made a motion to cover the cost of Nina and Bob's expenses for the trip, gas and lunch receipts. Danielle seconded it, and all were in favor.

Some members of the Board, Catherine, Nina and Danielle, are meeting tomorrow with Judy Stanley from the VLA along with John Briggs and Bob Pody to continue the discussion of the Chamber's and local astronomers' partnership with the VLA around hosting Star Party events.

Nominations for 2015 Board of Directors: The Board is still working on completing the ballot for Board nominations, as Nina, Ted and Danielle will not be candidates in the upcoming

elections. Glenn Bigelow will put his name forward as a candidate, as will Ginny Galer. With Catherine continuing to serve on the Board, this leaves two more slots available. There are some good possibilities of people who might be interested and would be good candidates. Catherine will follow up on those. Danielle has last year's ballot with the logo and will send to Catherine as a template for the December mailing. Danielle also agreed to complete the update on the state of New Mexico's website for Domestic Non-Profit Corporation.

End of Term Details and 2015 January 7 Meeting: Ted and Nina will be coming to the January meeting. Ted will bring the financial files, the checkbook and the (2) keys to the Chamber PO Box 281. Nina mentioned she is a signer on the account. Both she and Ted will be removing their signatures in lieu of new Board members. Board members expressed acknowledgement and appreciation to each other for the harmonious effort put forth throughout the year. There was consensus: it was a good board with each member doing their part.

Announcements: Mayor Diego Montoyo, who participated with positive support throughout the meeting, gave an update on the Socorro County meeting that had recently taken place and invited the board members to the upcoming one.

Adjournment: With no further business, Catherine made a motion to adjourn, Ted seconded. Next scheduled board meeting is Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Catherine DeMaria, President

Date