



Artesia Chamber Board Minutes
March 6, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Norma Rodriguez at 12:00 pm.

Members present were Norma, Rohini, Larry, Martha, Parimal, Shaila, Felix, and Manu. Micah joined for the city. Sam Desai was a guest.

February Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report:

Norma reported an Ending Balance of \$13,845.87. Eight members paid dues.

President Report & Updates:

Norma filled application for a \$500.00 Grant from the city. Waiting to see if approved.

Micah said Chamber must file as a 501-c3

She proposed a budget for 2023 that can be changed if need be.

Parimal made a motion approved by Board to remove funding for Executive Director.

Martha abstained.

Rohini discussed Ambassador Program, including responsibilities and duties. She will put Application on website once changes are made if needed.

Board is to contact Rohini if there are questions.

Norma felt the Board needs to approve or reject each applicant and add questions about who they are and how they can help Chamber.

Micah said no decision has been made about approving a Cannabis Shop in Artesia. The City will allow up to three dispensaries. Two have asked for our support, and one is offering to give Chamber \$10,000.00 per year.

Norma wants a procedure in place before any agreements are signed in future.

Martha felt prior conversations are important, and Felix thinks the Board should appoint two members to attend any assigned meetings before action is taken.

Norma has officially resigned from Chamber effective at end of March, and is willing to assist the new President.

Rohini will take over so long as Board members assist her since she has a business to run.

Shaila is new Treasurer. Felix or Manu may be the new Parliamentarian.

No date, place, or time yet for Annual Membership Meeting for May.

Community Meeting on Strategic Planning for March 8 at Portuguese Hall.

Next Networking Breakfast is March 17 at Dennys.

Small Business Grants-in-Person Workshop date TBD by Parimal.

Economic Opportunity Grant Program Zoom Meeting:

Lots of information. Shaila and Parimal will set up dates and location for future meetings.

Committee Updates:

No reports this month.

Board Comments:

Motion was approved to appoint Sam Desai as our spokesperson to IRS to remedy any issues over filing. Sam will report back at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:31.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Caballero, Secretary