RLE Chamber of Commerce and Civic League

Minutes for January 12, 2026

Open Session: 6:30

Call to order: 6:35

Roll Call	Present	Absent
Tonia Silva, President (exp2027)	X	
Dan Welch, Vice President (exp2025)	x	
Amanda Ridgeway, Treasurer (exp 2028)	x	
Troy Golden , Director (exp 2026)	x	
Jessica Thornhill, Director (exp 2028)	x	
Anthony Silva, Director (exp 2027)	x	
Cathy Scharf, Director (exp 2026)	x	
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Quorum Present: Yes

Introductions:

Kristen Mathew, Daniel Williams, Meg Schaefer, Liliette Freeman, Stephen Freeman, Ashley Stark, Mike Ridgeway, Jason Green, Sheena McGowan, and LeeAnn Williams.

President Opening Comments: Closed session was held on December 29th at 5:00 P.M. Liliette Freemans's resignation was accepted during the session.

Approval of the prior minutes: Dan Welch motioned to accept minutes as presented, Anthony Silva 2nd, motion passes. Troy Golden motioned to accept closed session minutes as presented, Tonia Silva 2nd. Jessica Thornhill abstained, motion passes.

Treasurer's Report: Pending detailed December report will be reviewed next month. Amanda Ridgeway would like a Reimbursement/Disbursement Request form filled out each time a request is made. Amanda Ridgeway obtained a Chamber card and set the cash withdrawal limit to zero.

Committee Updates:

Mayors Race: Chair – Anthony Silva. Committee members – LeeAnn Williams, Cathy Scharf, Jessica Thornhill. Will have an update next month.

Community Champion: Chair – Jessica Thornhill. Committee members – Liliette Freeman, Anthony Silva, LeeAnn Williams. Update next month.

Light Contest: Chair – Troy Golden. Committee members – Amanda Ridgeway, Jolene Thornhill, Susan Sheets. Seeking budget of $700. Considering door hangers (50–100), possibly a banner, and flyers.

Mixers: Chair - Amanda Ridgeway. Committee members – LeeAnn Williams, Jessica Thornhill, Venus Pressnell, Natalee Price. All 6 event ideas discussed. Feb 28th @ Tummys, 9:00 A.M. Breakfast and Learn. Marketing, Kaden Silva speaking. $1,500 budget for the year. Tonia Silva motioned $250 for February mixer, Jessica Thornhill 2nd. Motion passes.

Community Membership/Involvement: Chair – Cathy Scharf. Committee members – Jessica Thornhill, LeeAnn Williams, Kristen Mathews. Newsletter to be broken up into posts. Possible link back to the website. Calendar of events coming out this month, released on the first. Anniversary or important dates rather than Business of the Month. Add dates to the app and option to be on the map. Tonia Silva will provide contact, release for updated map planned for Fall 2026. Order 50 notebooks. Tonia Silva motioned $400 for printing, 50 notebooks, and 100 pens. Amanda Ridgeway 2nd, motion passes.

Grants: Chair – Tonia Silva, Request $35,000.00 from the county. Grant proposal presented. Jessica Thornhill motioned to approve the grant proposal, Troy Golden 2nd. Motion passes.

Bylaws: Chair – Dan Welch. Committee members – Amanda Ridgeway, Anthony Silva. Seeking $49.87 for printing and mailing updated bylaws. Will return next month with a more refined version.

Scholarship: Chair – Dan Welch. Committee members – Jessica Thornhill, Jason Gaultney, budget of $850.

Old Business

Passports: (Tonia Silva) We have contacted several businesses, waiting on responses but we have secured interest from several.

Chamber Signs: Tonia Silva will reach out to Ed Valencia to check in.

Fundraising: Dan Welch – PizzaPalooza. Please share and tell your friends. Tonia Silva motioned $25 to boost the event, Jessica Thornhill 2nd. Motion passes.

New Business

1. Banking: Tonia Silva – Proposed to close savings account and keep only the money market account at Safe Bank. Troy Golen motioned to close the savings account at SAFE and the money market, and open a checking and money market account at Ally Bank. Tonia Silva 2nd. Motion passes.

2. New Business Workshop: Dan Wech – March 19th, 5:30 P.M. Registration form to be created. Location: Shindig Spot, 7813 Rio Linda Blvd, Elverta, CA 95626. Tonia Silva motioned $240, Cathy Scharf 2nd. Motion passes.

Director Comments:
Anthony Silva– Owner of Rio Java: January 19th popcorn latte and free popcorn.
Troy Golden – Owner of Golden Rays: Removing Christmas lights.
Dan Welch– Owner of Near You Pest Control: Thankful for a productive meeting.
Tonia Silva- Owner of Tonia Silva Bookkeeper & Tax Preparer: Ask members to please join a committee and is looking forward to this year.
Cathy Scharf – Pastor at LifePointe Church: Rummage sale March 21st. Country Lions Leos are installing a community garden at LifePointe.

Public Comments:
Ashley Stark – Sifted Flour & Co: Would like the Chamber to create an Instagram account.
Meg Schafer– Meg's Creamery: Preorder for Girl Scout cookies.

Adjourn: 8:45

Notes-
Future Agenda Items-
The next meeting is February 9th, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.
Location- 7813 Rio Linda Blvd, Elverta, CA 95626