

# Black Maricopa Chamber of Commerce Meeting Agenda

Meeting Location: VIA Email

June 23, 2023 – July 1, 2023 (7PM)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Items

3.1 Report from Executive Director; 1723.15 donated this quarter from memberships. The bank balance of the BMCC account is 1762.49 (Wells Fargo Bank) **(NO ACTION REQUIRED)**.

## 3.2 Memberships

Platinum-1

Pennington Law, Surprise, Peoria, Sun City, Buckeye

Bronze- 2

NID Housing Counseling Agency, Maricopa

ROB Lyrics, Maricopa

Basic- 10

Henry Wade, Maricopa

JW Rentals, Casa Grande

Resurrection CPR, Maricopa

Senior Benefits Services, Maricopa

Universal Roofing Specialists, Maricopa

Niks Flavorfull Kitchen, Maricopa

Ms T's Homemade Desserts, Maricopa

iRoK Metaphysics, Mesa

Inner City Junior Golf Foundation, San Diego, CA (Complimentary)

Lemon-Hayes Lemon Stand, Maricopa, AZ

**( NO ACTION REQUIRED).**

3.3 Chrystal and I applied for the Ak Chin Community Grant (4000.00.) We have made it past stage 1 (signatures from the Tribe and Pinal County) **(NO ACTION REQUIRED).**

3.4 I would also like to propose a zoom meeting sometime in July to vet Andre' Pennington as a new board member . The purpose of this meeting is to meet and greet Andre to the BMCC and decide if he would be a good fit for the Chamber. Andre is a dynamic speaker, he's planning on opening a practice here in Maricopa. Chrystal and I feel that he would be an asset. In addition, we need a tie-breaking vote in the Chamber. There would be five of us instead of four.

**Please respond** by 7pm 01 July 2023 (Saturday.)

3.5 I would like to bring to everyone's attention that the Maricopa Community Foundation (MCF) claimed that they never received our applications for grants.

I submitted three applications for three non-profit organizations. Chrystal uploaded the applications onto the MCF website and I hand delivered the applications to City Hall. After we resubmitted, the applications were Denied!!! To add insult to injury, I was offered a position on the MCF Board!

I told them that I was not interested. That grants was only 1K. It's the principle.

3.6 Chrystal and I have put a deposit on the GALA venue. We are planning to hold the Gala at the Paramount Theater in Casa Grande. The Managers (Rickey & Mildred Robinson) are Chamber members and friends of ours. They gave us a 30% discount (2400 vice 3635.) We are working on catering. I gave the caterer a number of 60 guests. If we grow to 45-50 members (I'm hoping) we will need to increase the catering to 100 plus.

As I mentioned earlier, we value everyone as a board member. However we wish for everyone to be involved with the meetings and give input. Please let us know if you are with us or if you wish to move on so we may add other members. The Board Members will be referred to as Directors going forward.

I am the Executive Director.

4. Adjournment

Note: The Black Maricopa Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization; the meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

You all are welcome to respond or give input into what we are trying to accomplish. We appreciate all of you as members of the Board.

Kent O'Jon

Executive Director