

**October 24, 2016 Member Minutes
Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce**

Members present: Cheri Hirst, Jessica Brusven, Marsha McCubbins, Ashley Kolve, Crissy Bauman, Lorette Carter, Deb Brandon and Mile O'Brien

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- The Defensive Driving course had to be cancelled, because of illness. We will reschedule for the spring.
- The City was notified of the CDBG-ED grant funding for utility extension to Humic Growth Solutions. The City will now apply to EDA for matching funds.
- The City is completing the required paperwork to begin the Big Sky Trust Job Creation grant with Humic Growth Solutions.
- The Park & Recs meeting is planned for Monday, Oct. 31 at 6:30pm.
- The City and schools have wrapped up the fall Walk N' Wheel Wednesdays and Fit Fridays. They will begin again in April.
- The Toole County Combined Fund Drive Committee is preparing the 2016 Fund Drive Campaign. Solicitation of funds will begin in late October/early November. Thank you to Albertsons and the Sunburst Mercantile for allowing reminder bag stuffers. Sunburst will have a large sign in the business district showing the progress of donations and Shelby will have the Albertson's Park sign and a sign on the former Lennon Lumber building at the base of the viaduct.
- The City is apply for Tree City USA status for the 17th year. The City is applying for grant funding from the Urban Forestry Development Grant.
- The City is featuring a shop local campaign ~ "It's Home!" on Facebook. Please like and share in support of our local merchants.
- A committee has been formed for the 2017 Farmer's Market. Some changes include purchasing canopies and tables for the market. We will also move "Tuesdays Under the Stars" concert series to "Thursdays at the Market!" We will try to get food vendors and more craft vendors to participate.

Marias Medical Center

- The Hospital Board will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 10 am.
- Third year medical student Jennifer Glatt from University of North Dakota will be at the hospital for the next 6 weeks.
- The annual MMC Blood draws will be available at reduced pricing from October 24 - 28th. **(See Attached flyer)**
- A new Director of Nursing has been hired. She is from New Mexico and her name is Rhonda Raush Mar.
- Jessica and the County Commissioners were at Sletten Cancer Center last week discussing the implementation of a chemo infusion program for Marias Medical Center. Getting it implemented will not be a quick process.

Merchants Association met last Tuesday, Oct. 18. Discussion centered on setting up the calendar for the different events in December. The Christmas Stroll/Chili Feed is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4th followed by the first viewing of the Christmas Village at the Lake Sheloole Campground. Ideas were discussed for ways to encourage the basketball tournament fans to come downtown on the Dec. 9-10 weekend.

OLD BUSINESS:

October Chamber After Hours was held last Tuesday, October 18 at Marias River Electric and Shelby Gas Association with about 30 in attendance. Some lucky attendees won money credits on their electric or gas bills along with some nice door prizes. Tours were offered of the old and new warehouses.

Christmas Village: The organizing committee is taking signups for those who would like to decorate an area at the Lake Sheloole Campground. Local churches, businesses, clubs/organizations and families are encouraged to participate in this inaugural event which we hope to make an annual community event. Please contact the Chamber office at 434-7184 or by email at shelbycoc@3rivers.net.

Coupon Book: The new 2017 Coupon Books was finalized last week and sent to the printer. We hope to receive them by November 1st. The FFA, Jr. and Sr. high school wrestlers, Chamber office, Chamber Board Members, Larson Clothing and the Prairie Peddler will be selling them as soon as they arrive. We have two new businesses offering coupons and some of our old favorites have increased how often the coupons can be used during the year.

2017 Central MT Planner The office sent out an invitation letter to local businesses asking them if they wanted to participate on the Shelby page in the 2017 Central MT planner. This stunning, full color, 68 page publication with 100,000 copies printed and distributed in brochure racks throughout Montana. It is mailed to all who inquire about visiting our tourism region, both within the United States and internationally. The 2017 planner will also be distributed at 4 out of state travel shows in early 2017 while people are making their summer travel plans. A full color version of the travel planner, including all the advertising is also included on the Central Montana website. The notification deadline is Oct. 26.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Annual Chamber Member Meeting is slated for noon on Monday, Oct. 31 at The Griddle. Reports from the Chamber President and Executive Director will be given. Chamber Income and Expense reports for 2016 will also be distributed.

New Board Members: There were 3 openings on the Board of Directors for the class of 2019. Notifications were sent out last month via the Chamber email asking interested parties to contact the Chamber. Current Board Members were also encourage to submit names of individuals who they thought would be good candidates. Three people expressed interest and since only 3 positions needed to be filled it was not necessary to hold an election. The Chamber feels that all three candidates will be great additions to the Board of Directors. Crissy Bauman works for U.S.

Customs and Border Protection, Ashley Kolve is the Assistant Manager for the Best Western Shelby Inn and Suites and Maria Crump works for Fieldstone Office Supply and Shelby Glass.

November Meeting Locations Our Monday Member Meetings will be at The Country Skillet. Our November 1st Board Meeting will be at Ringside Ribs.

Business of the Week: Shelby Paint and Hardware is your locally owned and operated hardware store. We carry Valspar paint and paint supplies. Shelby Paint and Hardware is the only business in town that sells hunting and fishing licenses and is a federal firearms licensed dealer. We carry hot water heaters. Come check us out!

Kudos of the Week:

The Comfort Inn was thanked for hosting Ladies Night Out on Saturday, October 22. About 19 vendors set up displays and about 110 to 120 women attended.

Edward Jones Investments was thanked for hosting last Wednesday's Savvy Women Clinic.

OPEN FORUM:

Town Pump has started its Annual Food Bank Fund Drive. Every dollar donated will be matched by Town Pump and all proceeds raised stay in the local community.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2015 Chamber Bonus Book:

Roxy Cinema- #2 Combo with Admission

Buy a Chamber Bonus Coupon Book at Chamber office, Prairie Peddler, Larson Clothing, Spa 30 & Boutique