

November 7, 2016 Member Meeting Minutes
Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Doug Fender, Cheri Hirst, Crissy Bauman, Ashley Kolve, Matt Benjamin, Elliott Crump, Lorette Carter, Mike O'Brien, Cindy Combs and guest Debbie Hallenberg

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- The first City council Meeting of November is Monday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 pm.
- The Department of Commerce CDBG-ED has awarded a \$400,000 grant for water extension the Humic Growth Solutions. The EDA pre-application has been sent at which time it is approved, a full application will be sent for consideration.
- The Department of Commerce Big Sky Trust Fund Job Creation grant documentation will be complete tonight with approval of the resolution to distribute the funds and agreement with Humic Growth on the requirements of the grant.
- We have not received word from the Governor's office on the community selected as the 2017 Tree City of the Year. In the interim, I have applied for Urban Forestry Development for the same project at Champions Park. I also completed the Tree City USA status application.
- Work continues on the Data Center Feasibility Study.
- We have also been working on the donor sign for the Shelby Splash Park and will order early 2017 for placement in the spring at the pool complex.
- November 2nd was the meeting of the Shelby Recycling Association. We are planning a repurposing project with the Shelby RECCS students as part of America Recycles Day on November 15th.
- The Social Media Committee will meet November 9th. The November campaign is *Give thanks for....* And the December campaign is *Hometown for the Holidays* highlighting our local businesses.
- I am also creating weekly Facebook posts encouraging residents to shop locally - supporting our local businesses and thanking them for doing business in Shelby.
- I continue to post a weekly rental list for our community. The list is revised weekly and sent to NaturEner, CCA, Marias Medical Center, Border Services and the Shelby Area Chamber for distribution to new employees and new residents to Shelby.
- I have sent a request to the Montana Department of Transportation for two historical markers for Champions Park. The markers would be along Highway 2 within a couple blocks of the Park.
- Through the Extension Office a committee has been formed to oversee the Farmer's Market. During our first meeting, we chose to take the funds paid from last summer's market to purchase canopies and tables for the market. We will move the market vendors to one area of the park. We will also extend the season through September. The Extension Office is also writing a grant for an electronic device which would allow TANF credits to be used. It was also discussed to move the *Tuesdays under the Stars* concert series to *Thursdays at the Market*. The music will start after the Farmer's Market and we hope to include food vendors to encourage people to enjoy the Farmer's Market, have dinner in the park and enjoy the music. We are also looking to have more non-food vendors participate. The

committee would like to ask permission to use City Park on Thursdays from July 20th through September 28th.

- The Toole County Combined Fund Drive Committee will be mailing out 2016 Fund Drive Campaign soon. Albertsons and the Sunburst Mercantile have agreed to allow us to use bag stuffers to remind people to give to the yearly campaign. We will also have a second sign in addition to the Albertson's corner on the former Lennon Lumber brick building at the base of the viaduct showing people the progress of the campaign. The goal is \$30,000.00. We did not meet the goal last year, but hope to meet it this year. I would like to ask permission for the committee to place the sign in the park again this year.
- The defensive driving course planned for October 25th had to be cancelled due to illness. We will reschedule for the spring.
- The Shelby TBID will be meeting November 15th. They will discuss upcoming advertising opportunities; support of the Next Generation Conference; and the Voices of Tourism campaign.
- The Northern Transit Interlocal is also scheduled to meet on November 15th.

School District #14

- The newly elected members of the Junior High Student Council are President Adria Lamb, Vice President Liv Moss, Secretary Vivi McDermott, 8th grade rep Kyle Cassel and 7th grade rep Shaun Salveson.
- Oct. 14th: Fire Prevention Presentations were given.
- Oct. 16-22: 12 Students attended the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis. They will give a report at the Nov. 8th School Board meeting.
- Oct. 17: Key Club held a Blood Drive.
- Oct. 20-21 was MEA Convention.
- Oct. 22 Was the State Cross Country Meeting in Kalispell.
- Oct. 29: The Shelby Coyotes football team defeated top ranked Huntley Project in the 1st round of the Class B football playoffs.
- Oct. 28-29: Shelby Coyotes Girls Volleyball took 3rd place at the District Tournament in Fairfield.
- Oct. 31: K-2 students had a field trip to the Care Center and Heritage Center for their Halloween Parade.
- Nov. 3-5: Shelby place 3rd at the Divisional Girls Volleyball Tournament in Shelby and will advance to the State Tournament in Bozeman.
- Nov. 5: The Shelby Coyotes Football team fell to Eureka in the Class B Football playoff quarterfinals.
- November is a busy month with the following activities: **Nov. 8** is the School Board Meeting and will have reports from new staff members Benedicto Pastrana and Lisa Clark, discussion of a new school Facebook page and Junior High Comet name; **Nov. 10-** 5th grade Symphony Field Trip; **Nov. 10-12-** Volleyball Team will be at State Tournament in Bozeman; **Nov. 11-** Veteran's Day Assembly; **Nov. 12-** Speech & Drama will have their 1st meet in Conrad; **Nov. 15 & 17-** Parent Teacher Conferences; **Nov. 17-** Winter sports season begins for wrestling, girls and boys basketball; **Nov. 23-25-** Thanksgiving break; **Dec. 3-** Shelby speech and Dram Meet; Dec. 9-10 Coyote Classic Basketball Tournament

Marias Medical Center/Heritage Center

- Over 50 blood draws were done at the Marias Medical Center Annual Blood Draws on Oct. 24-28.
- The Hospital Auxiliary is accepting donations of baked goods and Christmas decorations for their Christmas Bake sale on Dec. 2 and 3rd. **(Flyer on Attachment)**
- The Annual Tree of Lights will be held on Monday, December 12. **(Flyer on Attachment)**
- A Christmas Tree Auction will be held on Dec. 2 at the Civic Center at 7 pm.

CCA

- The corporation will soon be rebranding with a name change to Core Civic which will better represent all the undertakings of the corporation.

Merchants Association will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at 8 am at The Griddle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas Village Meeting- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 8th at noon at Fieldstone Office Supply.

November Chamber After Hours- Edward Jones Investments will host the event on Tuesday, November 15 from 5:30 to 7 pm. Attendees are encouraged donate stocking stuffers for all ages, such as shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hot wheel cars, small toys, etc. for “Brotherly Love” packages. An extra door prize ticket will be earned with a donation.

2017 Coupon Book is now on sale at The Prairie Peddler, Larson Clothing, Spa 30, and Chamber office. Chamber Board of Directors and the Jr. and Senior High Wrestlers are also selling the Coupon Books.

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 Chamber Membership Drive Dues letters are being mailed out on this week for the 2017 calendar year. This is the Chamber’s main fund raiser and covers rent, wages, taxes, insurance and office supplies.

2016 Shelby Appreciation Chili Feed will be held on Sunday, December 4th from 1 to 3 pm at the Coyote Club. The Chamber is soliciting donation of chili for the event. Please call the Chamber office at 434-7184 if you would like to contribute a Crockpot or roaster of chili. The SHS Key Club will help set up and will also oversee cookie decorating. Elaine Mitchell is contributing her delicious sugar cookies for the event.

Vote: Everyone is encouraged to vote in tomorrow’s election.

Social Media Project: Crissy stated that the first thing she does when she is planning a trip is to get on Trip Advisor and get information on where she is going. She recently looked at what the Shelby listings were and was surprised that the community only has 5 listings besides the local motels. She is preparing to add some listings. The Social Media Committee will also make sure that Shelby gets more info listed on this site.

Business of the Week: U.S. Bank is the 5th largest commercial bank in the United States with 24 branches in Montana. Our mission as a community minded bank is to develop lasting relationships with our customers, anticipate their needs and help them reach their financial goals so they can

enjoy the quality of life they desire. U.S. bank provides a comprehensive line of banking, brokerage, insurance, investment, mortgage, trust and payment services products to consumers, businesses and institutions. www.usbank.com.

Kudos of the Week: Audie said she appreciates the fine job that the KSEN sportscasters do when broadcasting local games. They do a superior job.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2017 Chamber Bonus Book:

All Season Heating & Air Conditioning- Buy 1 filter, get 2nd one for 1/2 price

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