

December 12, 2016 Member Meeting Minutes  
Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Doug Fender, Cheri Hirst, Crissy Bauman, Lorette Carter and Cindy combs

**REPORTS:**

**City of Shelby**

- Monday was a special meeting of the City Council to review projects with the City's engineering firm, KLJ.
- The Economic Development Administration has accepted the City's pre-application for funding for water extension to Humic Growth Solutions and now requires a full application. The Office of Community Development will be submitting to meet the December 21<sup>st</sup> application review.
- The Office of Development has submitted to be named a Tree City USA for the 17<sup>th</sup> year.
- The City of Shelby is still in the running to be named the 2017 Montana Tree City of the Year. If awarded, we will receive funding for tree planting at Champions Park and Arbor Day Celebration.
- Toole County Combined Fund Drive is ongoing and they ask that you generously consider your donation to the 20 very worthwhile organizations that are represented.

**Marias Medical Center**

- Toole County Health Foundation-Tree of Lights is Monday, December 12 at 7 pm, hosted at Marias Healthcare Services. We will also have special music from the SHS band. Join us to honor or remember a family member, friend, or member of the armed services by including their name on the Christmas trees.
- About 60 employees enjoyed the Christmas Party on Dec. 9 at Ten Pin Alley. Cathy Schwenke was named Employee of the Year.
- Ward Clerks are needed at the facility.
- Julia Drishinski is back at the facility as Risk Management & Safety Director.
- The Heritage Center is busy with holiday activities including making gingerbread houses for last week's Museum Holiday Open House.

**CCA**

- The annual Christmas party had the biggest turnout with 170 employees attending. Brian Moorehardt was named Employee of the Year.
- Three new employees started this week.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Christmas Village-** Volunteers manning the event have had to endure some cold temperatures but the community has been very complimentary of the displays. The Village will be open on the following dates from 5 to 8 pm: Dec. 16, 17, 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**December Chamber After Hours** is Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the Comfort Inn starting at 5 pm with Prime Rib, hors d'oeuvres, beverages and drawings for door prizes!

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Coyote Classic on Dec. 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> had good attendance at the high school and elementary gyms. Cheri said that the guest that stayed at the Comfort Inn were very complimentary of Shelby, the business community, our gyms and the tournament.

### **Shelby Merchants Festive Family Weekend:**

#### **Sat. December 17:**

**11 am:** Strings n Things- Strings Performance at Shelby Floral

**11:45am:** Strings n Things- Vocal Performance at Fieldstone Mercantile

**11- 1 pm:** Marshmallow toasting at Fieldstone Mercantile

Kid's Crafting at Creative Needle- \$1 Ornaments, \$2 Potholders

Free Hot Chocolate & Candy Guessing Game at Prairie Peddler

Build-a-Snowman Ornament at Shelby Floral- \$10

Color contest entries Due at Spa 30

1 pm: Movie "Elf"- Free admission with can of food for the Sagebrush Food Pantry

#### **Sunday, December 18:**

1:00 pm: Classic Movie "White Christmas"- Tickets must be purchased in advance from a Shelby Merchant~\$5.00 per ticket

**Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter Bake Sale** is Saturday, Dec. 17 from 10 to 4 pm at the Shelby Liquor Store

**Business of the Week:** The award-winning **Comfort Inn** Hotel in Shelby will get you rested and ready for anything. We cater to both vacationing tourists, business travelers and local residents alike with complimentary services and amenities such as 1,500 square feet of meeting space with audio-visual equipment, a casino and a business center with copy, print and fax machines, WI FI, Indoor pool and hot tub, fitness center, BBQ area and outdoor Gazebo area and bus and truck parking. We offer stay-and-ride Amtrak, casino, golf and gas packages! A free local shuttle service within 5 miles and electric car charging capabilities that is free for guests and \$5 dollars for non-guests are also available. Whether you're traveling for leisure or business, alone or with your kids, our Comfort Inn Hotel offers accommodations for every type of travel. Our Hotel is proud to offer hotel rooms to relax and unwind no matter what reason you travel. Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/comfortinnshelby](http://www.facebook.com/comfortinnshelby). Get rested, set, go—book a room today at [comfortinnshelby.com](http://comfortinnshelby.com)!

#### **Kudos of the Week:**

Shelby High School, the Tourism Business Improvement District and the Shelby Merchants Association, and Shelby business community were all congratulated for the superb basketball and holiday weekend in Shelby.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

#### **Featured Coupon from the new 2015 Chamber Bonus Book:**

**Ringside Ribs- 10% off any regular price menu item once a month for calendar year**  
Buy a Chamber Bonus Coupon Book at Chamber office, Prairie Peddler,  
Larson Clothing, Spa 30 & Boutique