

Dec. 5th, 2016 Member Meeting Minutes
Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Marsha McCubbins, Cheri Hirst, Jessica Brusven, Crissy Bauman, Deb Brandon, Allan Underdal, Elliott Crump, Mike O'Brien, Lorette & Tom Carter

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- City Council meets on Monday, Dec. 5th at 7:30 pm.
- We have received correspondence from EDA on approval for submission of a full application for the water utility extension project. Mayor Bonderud and I will be on a conference call with Region 8 specialists Tuesday to review our final application before submission.
- I have submitted an application to the HiLine Arts Trail Project for purchase and installation of an interactive kiosk at Champions Park.
- Work continues on the Data Center Feasibility Study.
- We have received an additional donation to the Shelby Splash Park from Sharon Bonderud in honor of Karyn and Joren.
- We are very grateful to Warden Doug Fender & CCA who are donating \$1,500.00 for landscaping at Champions Park this spring.
- The December campaign for the Social Media Committee is *Hometown for the Holidays*. We encourage everyone to submit fun holiday pictures past and present.
- Work continues on the "It's Home" campaign on Facebook. The posts remind people to shop local and to thank local merchants 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, Shelby Schools and the Shelby Area Chamber for distribution to new employees and new residents to Shelby.
- I have not received word on the request to the Montana Department of Transportation for two historical markers for Champions Park.
- The Toole County Combined Fund Drive brochure has been mailed. We hope everyone will give generously to these very worthwhile organizations.
- The Shelby TBID has approved support of the Voices of Tourism program; advertising in the Vacation Travel Guide and purchase of refreshments for the Holiday Bridge Tournament held in Shelby last weekend. The TBID is also the primary sponsor of the Coyote Classic taking place this weekend in Shelby.
- The Northern Transit Interlocal met November 15th. The Toole County transit system runs Monday through Friday to the border averaging 8-10 riders daily. During the winter months the Interlocal leases a Glacier Park sprinter saving on maintenance/mileage on the current fleet. The Interlocal has also been awarded 2 new buses from the Montana Department of Transportation. A new 15 passenger bus will replace the older Toole County Transit bus and a 22-passenger bus will replace the Northern Transit Interlocal bus which travels longer distances.
- I would like to encourage everyone to see the Christmas Village. So many individuals and organizations have worked very hard to create the village. It will be open again December 9-11th and December 16-17th.

Toole County

- There is currently an open position on the Tax Appeal Committee and the Fair Board.

- Commissioner Underdal attended the MACo Health Care Trust Board meeting last week. Discussion centered on the pharmacy changes in the Affordable Health Care program.
- Helen Schnee, Toole County Public Administrator and long time Shelby resident passed away last week.
- The road department is spot graveling the county roads in preparation for winter.
- The Marias Museum's Christmas Open House is December 6th from 5 to 8 pm and includes music, food and the gingerbread house contest.
- Fish, Wildlife and Parks has implements a boat ban on all rivers and lakes in the state due to the presence of the mussels larvae found recently in Tiber and other waterways in Montana.
- Allan addressed the recent article in the Tribune regarding the Legislative Committees visit to CCA. The prison did not any discrepancies contrary to the article that slanted that there were some.
- About \$8000 in Shelby bucks was distributed to the Toole County employees (\$50 each) who had no work related injuries for the last year.

School District #14

- The School District created a Facebook page in November.
- The Nov. 11 Veteran's Day Assembly went well.
- Elliott expressed his gratitude to the volunteers who helped with judging during the Dec. 3rd Shelby Speech and Drama meet.
- The Coyote Classic Basketball Tournament will be held on Dec. 9th and 10 with the JV games in the Elementary gym and varsity games at the High School gym. Prices are \$7 per day for adults and \$5 for students. There will be no school on Friday, Dec. 9th.
- The Holiday Craft Sale will be held on Dec. 9-10 at the Fine Arts Building at SHS. There is no entrance fee but they are gathering food items for the Sagebrush Food Pantry and stocking stuffers for the Brotherly Love packages. The booth rental fee funds will go the FFA and Elk's Scholarship fund.
- The K-3rd Grade Concert will be on Dec. 13 at 2 pm.
- The next School Board Meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 13 and the agenda includes FFA National report, new teachers Paul Ekness and Carol Perisho and the JH Comet name.
- The 4th-6th Grade Concert will be on Dec. 15 at 2 pm.
- The JH/HS Concert will be on Dec. 19 at 7 pm.
- The JH/HS Combined Holiday Concert is Dec. 21 from 9 to 10 am.
- Dec. 22 is Senior Night for the SHS Wrestlers.
- Christmas Break is from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2.

Marias Medical Center/Heritage Center

- The Christmas Tree Auction held on Dec. 2 raised over \$15,000 for the chemo infusion project which will be implemented in 6 months to a year.
- The Hospital Auxiliary Holiday Rummage Sale and Bake Sale netted close to \$700.
- **Toole County Health Foundation-Tree of Lights:** The Toole County Health Foundation is now taking names for the 2016 Tree of Lights event on Monday, December 12 at 7pm, 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. Donations/name submissions can be sent to kwelker@mmcmt.org or by mail to TCHF, PO Box 915, Shelby, MT 59474.
- Dr. Curtis will be at the facility in early December. He is a family practice MD with OB and will do chemo ports.

- A nursing position is open at the facility.

Merchants Association- Businesses reported good sales on Shop Small Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chili Feed- Between 200 to 215 attendees had a variety of 15 different chilies to sample. Santa was kept busy with lots of children wanted to give him their holiday wish list.

Christmas Village- The first night of the event which featured a live nativity by the United Methodist Church had about 40 carloads viewing the decorations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chamber Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6 at noon at The Griddle.

Chamber Office will closed Thursday, Dec. 8th so Audie can attend a Central MT Tourism Board Meeting in Great Falls.

December Chamber After Hours is Tuesday, Dec. 13 starting at 5 pm at the Comfort Inn and Suites. RSVPs received by the Chamber office by noon on Dec. 9th will earn an extra ticket for the door prizes. A selection of appetizers along with prime rib and a special holiday beverage will be offered. The event starts at 5 pm.

Business of the Week: Business of the Week- Marias Healthcare is a nonprofit Community Health Center. MHSI is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors to represent the population of people served. MHSI offers full primary care with Obstetrics and Dentistry with Board Certified providers. The program offers comprehensive care and works to reduce barriers. Examples are the community care sliding fee schedule to assist patients with financial barriers, visiting nurse services for homebound, certified Outreach and Enrollment Counselors for insurance assistance, 340b Pharmacy, and more. Please follow our Facebook Page or website at <http://mmcmt.org/marias-healthcare/>. We welcome anyone that would like to meet the providers or see the facility to stop by or call for an appointment at 406-434-3100 or 800-331-4357.

Kudos of the Week

Audie thanked everyone who donated chili and all the volunteer workers who helped make the chili feed a success.

Lorette thanked the United Methodist Church members who did the live nativity at the Christmas Village on Sunday evening in spite of the cold weather. She also commended all the business/organizations and churches who decorated for the event.

Open Forum:

Those present wished Tom Carter a Happy Birthday.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2015 Chamber Bonus Book:
Shelby Floral & Gift- 25% off one Floral Arrangement (value \$40 or more)
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Larson Clothing, Spa 30 & Boutique**