

Shelby Area Chamber Minutes

February 27, 2017

Those present: Doug Fender, Cindy Combs, Sara Clark, Marcia McCubbins, Cherie Hirst, Elliott Crump, Lorette Carter, Ashley Kolve, Patti Warburton.

Lorette said the Parks and Recreation meeting will be tonight at City Hall at 6:30.

Friday, May 12 Shelby will have the Tree Celebration and possibly do the Arbor Day Activities at the same time. She will get with the schools to see about a clean-up day around our community. There will be a Tours and Training Workshop on Wednesday, April 5 at the Comfort Inn from 6-8 pm. They will give out \$20 Shelby Bucks to all participants. The hope is to have the front line employees and business owners attend, the people that see and talk to tourist and visitors to our area every day. This opportunity needs to be put out to all businesses.

The Merchants Association and the City of Shelby are combining for an April Showers Calendar. This is a fundraiser for the flowers in the summer and the Christmas decorations. Calendars will be for sale and there will also be business sponsors. Daily drawings will be held for cash or prizes for those that purchase a calendar, if the prize is from a specific business, their logo will be in that day on the calendar. The deadline is March 7th for business sponsors.

The Toole County Combined Fund Drive is completed. Lorette will let us know how much was raised when she knows.

Grants have been submitted for the walking trail and they are due in March for the Main Street sidewalks. This time it is for the east end of the street.

Elliott Crump, Shelby Superintendent of Schools said the Missoula Children's Theater auditions are today, the productions will be Friday afternoon and Friday evening in the high school auditorium. In January there was OHS Safety Training and Certification for 23 students.

"Think like an Engineer: Exploring Engineering Options" at GFC-MSU for 5 students.

Finished up our Speech and Drama, wrestling and Girls' Basketball (the Girls played great this weekend, I really thought they were going to beat Rocky Boy. It was a good game.)

At the February School Board Meeting, the Comets were eliminated for the Junior High students, starting next year, the 2017-2018 season all the grades mascot will be Coyotes.

February 19-20 the ReACT Students traveled to Helena to lobby for their program.

March Schedule:

- Tonight, Monday February 27 at 6:30 PM is the Toole County Jazz Band Concert. This is the combined bands from Shelby and Sunburst.
- Tuesday, February 28 at 7 PM is the Spelling Bee in Sunburst.
- Thursday March 2- Science Fair- Junior High students have begun planning and researching their Science Fair projects.
- Thursday, March 2 at 2:30 PM, Boys Divisional Tournament in Cut Bank; first game v. Glasgow.

- Friday, March 3 at 1 PM and 6 PM- MCT performance of "Aladdin".
- Monday –Tuesday, March 6 and 7- Parent Teachers Conference
- Friday March 10, No School
- Friday, March 17 at 3 PM and 7 PM- School Play
- Tuesday, March 21, Time TBD – ICAC Presentations (4-6; 7-12; and an evening adult session.)

Lorette talked about an upcoming school assembly: John Underwood, "Making Good Decisions" This will be on April 5.

Cindy Combs talked about a recent Fire Drill at Marias Medical Center, it included the Toole County Sheriff Department and the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department. Many of the responders had never been past the main floor of the building. They did not know there was an upstairs or the existence of most of the offices and rooms inside the building. There was a lot of good information shared. Cindy passed out pamphlets showing where to go on Amazon to donate to the Marias Medical Health Foundation.

Sara Clark, Cindy's helper at MMC attended the meeting, she may need to attend meetings when Cindy is not available and wants to be comfortable.

Tom Carter, the head of Radiology at MMC retired. They had a nice little party for him. Doug Fender has been making multiple trips to Helena during this legislative session. CoreCivic has been defending private prisons by him testifying at senate and house committee meetings. County Commissioner Deb Brandon and Melissa Lewis both testified for us this last week against HB-493, Congressman Casey Schreider introduced the bill. It was tabled and will not get out of committee.

We currently have 15 Correctional Officers vacancies. We also need an educational instructor. If you know of anyone qualified please send them our way.

The Merchants want to know if the Kiwanis are doing the Kite Festival again this year, if so, they would like to participate.

The Chamber Board will meet next Tuesday, March 7 at the Mexican restaurant. They will discuss an interview committee for the executive director's position.

Pat and Connie Moore sent a lovely thank you letter for receiving the Presidential Award at the Chamber Banquet.

March 31st will be the Conrad Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet. They will have a concert and Prime Rib cooked by Dr. Dick Kinyon.

The Coupon of the week is All Seasons Heating and Air Conditioning, buy one filter get one half price. The Cinderella Shoppe is the Business of the Week. Marcia has volunteered to take over scheduling the Business of the Week and getting the information for each business. Some of the businesses have not paid their dues yet and so will not be eligible.

March Madness is the theme of the month, see if you can't come up with something crazy.

Lorette has taken the All-Class Re-Union and the Tuesdays on Main moneys out of the Chamber bank account and opened separate accounts for each of them.

Lorette gave Kudos of the Week to the ReACT kids. They did a great job with the presentation to get the city parks and other public areas smoke free. Cherie also gave Kudos to Patti for taking notes and helping the chamber out.

The meeting was adjourned.