

**May 22, 2017 Member Meeting Minutes**  
**Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce**

The Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce serves to promote a positive business environment as a voice and resource in partnership with business, education, agriculture, civic and community organizations throughout Shelby and Toole County.

Members present: Doug Fender, Marsha McCubbins, Cheri Hirst, Wilma Steiner, Matt Benjamin, Lorette Carter, Cindy Combs, Briana Tustan, Tyler Knust, Brent Madrid and Deborah Powell

**REPORTS:**

**City of Shelby**

- The City's Arbor Day Grant and Tree City Grant allow the city to purchase additional trees. We will purchase additional trees for Lake Sheloole Sports Complex and Campground and Main Street.
- The City is very grateful to Core Civic ~ Crossroads Corrections for the gift of a deluxe play house. The City is going to conduct an auction for the play house in which all the proceeds will go toward continued development of the Shelby Splash Park. The next projects include a concrete lip for the splash pad and pergola and picnic area.
- The City encourages everyone to access Trip Advisor and review our local amenities. These are viewed by travelers to our area, encouraging them to stop and stay a little longer in our community.
- The Shelby TBID is working on a new Shelby brochure. The TBID will print 10,000 brochures for distribution throughout the State.

**Marias Medical Center/Heritage Center**

- Briana Tustan is the new Director of the Toole County Health Foundation and Assistant CNO.
- MMC is now offering Lifeline (Medical Alert Center) through Benefis/ Spectrum.

**CoreCivic Safety**

- Tyler Knust who was recently promoted to Case Manager is job shadowing Warden Fender for one day for educational purposes.
- The new academy class has 3 correctional Officers and a chaplain in it.
- Montana State Prison is undergoing a modified lockdown due to illness reasons.
- The prison woodshop currently has a wooden queen size bed and Warden Fender offered it to the Chamber for auction.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kite Festival** is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 at the airport. Doug is boosting the ads on Facebook.

**Board Opening:** The Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce has an immediate opening for a Board Member with the resignation of Sandra Bucher from the Shelby Employment Office which is closing on May 31. Nea Rice has expressed an interest and Audie will follow up with

her. Brian Tustian said her husband might be interested and Audie got his contact information to follow up with.

**2017 Marias Parade Theme:** “75 Years of Honoring the Past and Celebrating the Future” was actually last year’s theme. Maria Crump offered several selections which will be resent to the Chamber Board for a vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Shelby Visitor Center** is now open for the season from May 22 through Sept. 15 seven days a week. Hours are Monday through Friday 9 to 6 pm and Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 6 pm. all of last year’s staff returned except one and she had very limited hours so no new staff was needed.

**No Meeting/ Memorial Day:** Due to the holiday there will not be a Member Meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Forum:**

Harry Benjamin donated \$100 to purchase replacement flags for the Veterans Memorial in city Park. He suggested that an account be started for replacements for the Main Street flags. A proposal was made to the Chamber Board to open account for that purpose.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

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

**Roxy Cinema- #2 Combo FREE with Admission**

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Larson Clothing, Spa 30 & Boutique**