

September 11, 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, Cheri Hirst, Lorette Carter, Mike O'Brien, Cindy Combs, Elliott Crump and Tyler Bucklin

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- The City-County Planning board met Monday, Sept. 11th
- The Shelby ~ Toole County DUI Task Force has been awarded funding from the MT Department of Transportation Vision Zero Grant. The grant award will allow the group to bring a speaker to Shelby to meet with community and work with Shelby High School and North Toole County students during Red Ribbon Week.
- The City and County have been notified of award funding for the Victim Advocate Program enacted as part of Marsy's Law. A director for the program will be hired in the coming weeks.
- Walking Wheel Wednesday and Fit Friday started last week. We encourage parents to come and walk with their children each week.
- Leadership Toole County is a new program initiated by the Office of Community Development. The purpose and objectives of the program is attached. The first learning session will take place Tuesday, October 17th beginning at 6:00pm at the Comfort Inn. This session will include experts in media, education and volunteer organizations. If interested in taking part, please call or e-mail Lorette Carter at 424-8799 or shbcdc@3rivers.net.
- The Social Media Committee continues to post local Trip Advisor amenities as well as history of Shelby. New posts include information on animals available for adoption at the Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter and highlights of local volunteer organizations.

School District #14

- The new school year has gotten off to a good start and the four new school teachers have made good impressions.
- NaturEner has a new CEO. The district hopes to meet with the individual and discuss donation opportunities.
- Sept. 6 and 8th were the kickoff days for Walk N' Wheel Wednesdays and Fit Fridays.
- FFA, Volleyball, Football and Cross Country have started.
- Monthly Schedules:
 - Sept. 11 at 7 pm- Home N School meeting in Elementary Cafeteria
 - Sept. 12 at 7 pm- Board Meeting with discussion of NaturEner tax protest and State Budget cuts
 - Sept. 14- Picture Day
 - Sept. 21 from 8:30 am to 2 pm is preschool screening at the Shelby Elementary. Call 424-8910 for more information.
 - Sept. 25-30- Homecoming

- Oct. 2- No school/ Professional Development Day for the teachers
- Oct. 6- fire Prevention Presentations

Marias Medical Center

- Hi-Line Half Marathon on Saturday, Sept. 9 had 90 runners with 20 doing the Half Marathon. Daniel Bridge won the half marathon with a time of 1 hour 24 minutes. Locke Mellott took 2nd place.
- The Parade of Homes is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 24 from 1 -4 pm. Tickets are available from Auxiliary Members, at the Gift shop, Marias Heritage Center, Cedar Closet, Sunburst Clinic and Valier Clinic. Poster on attachment.
- The MMC Employee Appreciation Barbeque is on Monday, Sept. 11.
- There is a decontamination drill scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 14th at the facility.
- The Toole County Health Foundation Golf tournament which had 12 teams raised \$8000 for the infusion center.

CoreCivic Safety

- Warden Fender barbecued for the Sunburst Homecoming celebration and reported a good turnout for the event.
- The facility received notice from the State that they will be cutting their budget by \$2 million for each of the next 2 years.

Merchants Association will have their next meeting at 8 am on Tuesday, Sept. 19th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Beer for a Cause is at the Cut Bank Creek Brewery on Wed., Sept. 13 from 5-8 pm. Funds generated will benefit the Montana Alzheimer's Association. There is a car show, silent auction and free will offering for the pull pork dinner. No tickets are necessary. Find the silent auction on Facebook search engine- beer for a cause Montana Alzheimer's association silent auction.

Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 12 at Ringside Ribs at noon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Montana Chamber of Commerce will in Shelby for their 2017 Montana Business Agenda Tour on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 am at the Comfort Inn. The MBA Tour provides an opportunity for input by members, as well as updates from the Montana Chamber.

September Chamber After Hours will held in conjunction with Mr. Benjamin's soft opening on Friday, September from 5 to 7 pm. The Chamber doesn't want to distract from the carousel activities so we will be forgoing any door prizes or 50/50 for this event. No RSVPs are necessary. Refreshments will be served.

Kudos of the Week:

Lorette thanked the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department for the flag display for the 9/11 commemoration.

Cindy gave kudos to Sonja Moss and Trent Tustian for the work they did for the Hi-Line Half Marathon.

Open Forum

The Comfort Inn is hosting a free breakfast at 5:30 am on Tuesday, Sept. 12 for the community's first responders.

This is National Housekeepers Week and Cheri is providing her housekeepers breakfast on Wednesday.

The Frontier Conference Golf Tournament is currently at Marias Valley Golf Course.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2017 Chamber Bonus Book:

**Northern Ford- Buy 1 oil change, get 10%
off the 2nd oil change for the same vehicle**

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