

September 25, 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 and Brent Madrid

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- Park & Recs Committee meets at 6:30 pm on Sept. 25 at City Hall. Anyone interested is invited to attend.
- 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 Toole County Combined Fund Drive letters should be mailed out in late October or early November. The Shelby Carousel, the Toole County Garden Club and the Alzheimer's Association are 3 new organizations that will receive a share of the funds collected from the drive.
- Toole County Crime Victim Advocacy program will be initiated beginning in October.
- TBID will place an ad in Central MT Planner. They hope to use our Carousel as the focal point for the ad.

CoreCivic Safety

- The Montana Department of Corrections will be touring the facility on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Merchants Association met on Tuesday, Sept. 19. Discussion centered on the upcoming holiday season.

OLD BUSINESS:

Montana Chamber of Commerce was in Shelby on Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Comfort Inn and those in attendance had a good discussion session after we heard about Envision 2026.

Mayor Candidates Forum is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 3 at the SHS auditorium from 7 to 9 pm. Both mayor candidates and the 3 City Council candidates have been invited. The Council will be invited to tell the audience about themselves. We will also ask them to share why they want to be on the City Council. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the entryway so the attendees can visit with all the candidates.

2018 Coupon Book- Notices were mailed last week to all the businesses that participated in the 2017 Coupon Book to ask for their participation for the 2018 book. Invitations were also mailed to other Shelby businesses. The new Coupon Books will be valid from Nov. 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 and should be ready for purchase around November 1st.

Central Montana Planner- We received notice that the 2018 planner will be published in early November. The Chamber will once again sponsor an ad page. All the business listing from the 2017 planner were mailed a letter inquiring if they want to be included in the new publication. Several new businesses were also asked if they would like to be included.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carousel Soft Opening was held on Sept. 22 and 23rd. The Chamber held an informal Sept. Chamber After Hours at the event. Word has it that there was a fabulous turnout both days and fun was to be had for everyone who attended.

Chamber October Meeting Locations- Our Monday Member Meeting will be at Ten Pin Alley. No meeting will be held on Columbus Day. The Oct. 3rd Board Meeting is at The Griddle.

Kudos of the Week- Audie thanked CoreCivic for all the work they have done for the carousel and also for the crowd pleasing bags of popcorn at the Carousel soft opening.

Open Forum:

The Town Pump Foundation made a donation of \$2500 to the Shelby Carousel.

The question of whether or not there will be a Christmas Village this holiday season was asked. It was a bit of a damper when a large amount of the decorations disappeared before they could be picked up from the participating businesses. No decision has been made for a future event. Suggestions were made to possibly have an indoor event.

Town Pump's annual fundraiser for the local food bank will kicked off October 1. Each year Town Pump Corporation matches all the donations for the fundraising efforts for the Sagebrush Food Pantry. All the funds raised stay in the area.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2017 Chamber Bonus Book:

Coyote Club: Buy 1 drink at regular price & get 2nd drink of equal or lesser value for FREE

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