

October 2, 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, Jessica Brusven, Crissy Bauman, Tom and Lorette Carter, Deb Brandon, Mike O'Brien, Brent Madrid, Mary Elizabeth Reid, Pam Gillette, Blake Underdal, Taylor Tighe and Richard Wilson

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- No word has been received on the Montana Main Street Program and Department of Commerce Planning Division for planning funds for research and submission of our Main Street business corridor to the National Historic Register. I will be attending the Montana Downtown Conference October 19th and 20th in Great Falls which may announce awards then.
- We have 23 participants registered for Leadership Toole County. The first session will take place Tuesday, October 17th from 6-8 pm at the Dempsey-Gibbons Room at the Comfort Inn & Suites. I encourage and hope new council members will attend. The topics will include an introduction to Leadership Toole County, media, education and community organizations. I want to give special thanks to the following sponsors: Bear Paw Credit Union; Ben Taylor Inc.; Dick Irvin Inc.; Fieldstone Office Supply & Mercantile; First State Bank; Fretheim Grain; Iverson Accounting; Leavitt Group; Lee Law Office; Port of Northern Montana; Universal Exports Limited.
- I am working with Toole County on the Crime Victim Advocacy Program initiated. Stephanie Hurley is the new coordinator. I will complete the grant reporting and financial reporting portion of the grant.
- Lorette is still working with display technology companies in which to determine the best product for the interactive kiosk for Champions Park.
- The Shelby Citizen Volunteer Corp completed several great projects this summer/fall. Several of our city signs were painted and public areas cleaned up thanks to our great volunteers. We will initiate the Corp next spring again for community beautification projects.
- Walk n' Wheel Wednesday and Fit Friday continue through October 13th. This Wednesday is International Walk to School Day.
- Through the Shelby/Toole County Transportation Safety Committee/DUI Task Force Vision Zero grant, former NFL player Brandon Bair will speak to Shelby High and North Toole County students during Red Ribbon Week which begins October 23rd. He will also make a community presentation, Monday evening and visit with students on Tuesday of that week.
- The Toole County Combined Fund Drive Committee has approved 3 additional organizations ~ The Carousel Rest Area of Shelby, Toole County Garden Club and Alzheimer's Association. The campaign brochure will be out in late October/early November.
- The Social Media Committee continues posting local amenities, history and civic organizations on the Chamber Facebook Page as well as animals up for adoption at the

Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter. We will also highlight all the organizations of the Toole County Combined Fund Drive closer to kick off of their fundraising campaign.

- Lorette attended the MLCT/MMIA conference this last week. She sat in sessions related to the 2020 census; Water system reserves information; Marsy's Law; Drought in Montana; Commerce programs; Governance; and Water Rights.

Toole County

- The Montana Association of Counties joined with the ACLU to challenge Marcy's Law for constitutionality. Toole County was granted funding to cover wages for a Victim Advocate for Marcy's Law. Stephanie Hurley was hired for the full time position. And she is attending training in Helena.
- Ex- NFL player Brandon Bear will give a presentation on October 23 at the SHS auditorium at 7 pm. The presentation is called The Focus is Key so Stay Drug Free. He will do a presentation for Shelby School on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 1:15 pm.
- The DUI Taskforce donated \$500 to Shelby High School, \$250 to North Toole County High School and \$50 to Galata School for Red Ribbon Week.
- The Toole County Commissioners will be attending a meeting on Oct. 3 in Chester to discuss the impact to businesses and community members as a result of the Aquatic Invasive Species.
- There is a fulltime job opening for the County Crew.
- The County Road Department is wrapping up mowing and will resume road grading which was delayed due to the dry conditions.
- The Court House will be closed on Columbus Day.

Marias Medical Center/Heritage Center

- Toole County Ambulance in search of new members and will be offering an EMT Class. An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6:30 pm in the ambulance building. Contact Bob Winney at 450-0656, Renae Manley at 460-0656 or Phil Aschim at 450-7040.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- Last month's HiLine Half Marathon raised \$3700 for the Toole County Health Foundation. Jessica thanked everyone who participated.

CoreCivic Safety

- CEO/Director Preston toured the facility last week.
- The new employees at the meeting introduced themselves.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Candidates Forum- The Chamber is hosting the forum on Tuesday, October 3 from 7 to 9 pm at the Shelby High School auditorium. Both Mayor Candidates and the 3 City Council Candidates have been invited. The Council candidates 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. The Mayor forum will follow. No questions will be taken from the audience because of time considerations. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the lobby to give the public an opportunity to speak with the candidates in person. Gary Goodan is the moderator.

2018 Coupon Book Notices have been mailed 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 MT Planner- Notice was received that the 2018 planner will be published in early November. The Chamber will once again sponsor an ad page. All the business listings 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:

October Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 3 at noon at The Griddle.

October Chamber After Hours is Tuesday, October 10 at Marias River Electric and Shelby Gas Association from 5:30 to 7 pm. MRE & Shelby Gas are kicking off their second Annual Cooperative Food Drive. Those who bring a food donation to the event will receive an extra door prize ticket. Prizes include a weather radio, two \$50.00 bill credits, two game themed baskets so don't forget to RSVP the Chamber office (434-7184) by noon on October 6 and earn another door prize ticket.

New Chamber Signage- One of the new beautiful Chamber signs was installed last week on the east side of the building. The sign for the front of the building needed some modification so it would fit properly and will be mounted soon. These beautiful signs were built and painted by inmates at CoreCivic at no charge to the Chamber. We are very grateful for their talent and the generosity of CoreCivic.

Office Closed Oct. 5 & 12- Audie will be attending morning meetings in Great Falls for a Committee and Board Meeting for Central Montana Tourism Board on these days.

Kudos of the Week

Crissy thanked Ten Pin Alley for hosting the American Cancer Society bowling tournament, and to the following business for contributing prizes: Pizza Hut, El Tenampa, Ringside Ribs, Midway Rental, Pepsi and Napa.

Debbie Hallenberg designed and donated a T-shirt for the SHS Coyote mascot for Homecoming.

Open Forum

Harry Benjamin delivered some new Carousel brochures to the Chamber office last week which lists the different levels of donations.

Lena Tronson gave Crissy Bauman some ideas for different country themes for holiday decorating.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2017 Chamber Bonus Book:

Quilt With Class- 25% off any purchase

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