

November 20, 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: Nea Rice, Cheri Hirst, Crissy Bauman, Joan Kronebusch, Elliott Crump, Mike O'Brien, Lorette Carte, Shirley Kronebusch and Cindy Combs

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- The second City Council meeting of this month is Monday, November 20 at 7:30 pm at City Hall.
- Champions Park Committee will meet Tuesday, November 28th at noon at Pizza Hut. The Office of Community Development is working on additional signage for the park through grant funding from the National Arts Council and Montana Cultural Trust.
- A resident has proposed a new project within the community called, "Blessing Boxes" as a partner with our Sagebrush Food Pantry. The box is placed within the community for those in great need. The concept is to construct a box that holds non-perishable food and essentials, placing it in a central, safe location. When someone is in need they could take what they need anonymously. Community members would continually stock the box
- During the warmer fall weather, the city crew has poured concrete pads in the Splash Park for picnic areas next summer.
- Toole County Combined Fund Drive brochure has been mailed. The committee hopes we all might thoughtfully consider a gift to the 23 very worthwhile organizations represented in the campaign.
- The second Leadership Toole County session will take place Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00pm at the Comfort Inn conference room. This session is on the legal system, law enforcement, judicial system, customs and local government.

School District #14

The following is schedule of past events and events for the next month:

- Nov. 9-11- State Volleyball in Bozeman and the SHS Girls Volleyball team qualified.
- Nov. 14 & 16 were Parent Teachers Conferences
- Nov. 16 – Practice started for HS winter sports- Basketball, Wrestling, Cheerleading
- Nov. 18- State Football championship game Shelby versus Eureka
- Nov. 20- Blood drive at SHS
- Nov. 22-24- Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 27-28- Honor Band & Choir Festival in Choteau
- Nov. 27- Dec. 1- Missoula Children's Theatre
- Dec. 2- Speech and Drama in Shelby- Volunteer judges are needed
- Dec. 8-9- Coyote Classic Basketball tournament in Shelby. Program advertising is available. (please see attachment)

Marias Medical Center

- The Marias Heritage Center has one apartment available.
- A Code Pink Drill for child abduction was held last week.
- Annual employee education was held recently.
- Two positions have been filled that was available after Julie Drishinski resigned. She was the Infection Prevention/ Education/ Employee Health/ Quality Improvement Director. The OR Manager position is open.

Merchants Association is hosting “Browse & Brunch” on Shop Small Saturday on November 25. Participating businesses will feature breakfast bites. Watch for table tents which will be in area restaurants with a full list of activities for the holiday shopping season.

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 Coupon Book are now available for purchase from Chamber Board of Directors, Larsons Clothing and Spa 30. They \$20 and if two are purchased at the same time the second one is \$15.

November Chamber After Hours is scheduled at Marias Medical Center on Tuesday, November 28 from 5:30 to 7 pm in the conference room. To earn an extra ticket for door prizes, **RSVP the Chamber office by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 22.** Tours of the Infusion Center Room, Sleep Study lab, Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Department, ER, OB Birthing Room will be available along with free blood pressure checks by their acute care nurses.

Chili Donations The Christmas Stroll and Shelby Appreciation Chili Feed are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 3. The chili feed will be held at The Griddle from 3 to 5 pm and chili donations are now being requested. We usually feed between 175 to 200 Shelby residents and that requires a lot of chili. If you would like to show your appreciation to the local residents for their patronage this is an excellent way. All donations are labeled with the donor’s name. Please contact the Chamber office if you would like to contribute some chili for this event.

Light the Night Christmas Parade Marias River Electric is organizing a holiday parade on Dec. 3 after the Christmas Stroll at 6 pm. If you are interested in having a float in the parade, contact Jennifer Hagood at MRE. (See attachment for parade rules & guidelines)

NEW BUSINESS:

Shop Small Saturday is this Saturday. Please consider shopping locally during this holiday season. Amazon and the big box stores do not support our local non-profits, events, school activities and teams like our hometown businesses do. Spending money locally creates jobs for your friends and family.

Kudos of the Week

Congratulations to our SHS volleyball and football team who advanced to the state tournaments.

Ladies Night on Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Comfort Inn was a big hit with the best attendance yet for the event.

Open Forum

The Comfort Inn is offering a holiday special on their rooms during the Thanksgiving & Christmas season. (See attached flyer)

Town Pump's annual fundraiser for the Sagebrush Food Bank 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.** The Shelby Comfort Inn front desk staff asks each incoming customer if they would like to make a donation. Currently the Shelby Comfort Inn is in 2nd place of the 14 motels. In 2016 the Sagebrush Food Pantry in Shelby received \$6500 from this campaign.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2017 Chamber Bonus Book:

Fieldstone Office supply- Buy 1 Leanin' Tree greeting card, get 1 FREE (3 uses)

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