

**November 6, 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: Cheri Hirst, Nea Rice, Becky Austin, Brent Madrid, Joan Kronebusch, Wesley Pryor and Roopesh Mehta

**REPORTS:**

**Marias Medical Center/Heritage Center**

- This is National Radiologic Technologist Week from Nov. 5-11 and the facility is showing appreciation to the radiology dept.
- Marias Medical Center is hosting Chamber After Hours on Nov. 28.
- The facility is having mandatory annual education next Monday and Tuesday for all staff which includes “Blessing of the Hands” ceremony. The Blessing of Hands is a nondenominational ceremony and is a cherished hospital tradition and is practiced around the world and is something the clergy has done for eons, probably since the time of Florence Nightengale who was a 19<sup>th</sup> century nurse considered to be the founder of modern nursing. Because human touch is such an important component of health care, the blessing is especially meaningful to physicians, nurses and other hospital staff. It provides a spiritual experience, symbolically linking the art and science of healthcare. Those who participate reflect upon the interconnectedness of their own humanity and the privilege to provide holistic care to their patients.
- The Marias Heritage Center had two new residents move in this past week and is once again full.
- Bingo or Bust on Oct. 27 was a big success with over 100 in attendance with a range of ages from 5 years to 90 years old.

**CoreCivic Safety**

- The new warden should be announced later this week or early next week.
- Montana Department of Corrections will be doing an audit at the facility next week.
- Two new staff members were in attendance for the meeting. Wesley Pryor worked at the facility before and is returning. Roopesh Mehta is moving here from the Seattle area.

**Merchants Association** is contemplating changing their meeting date from the 21 to the 14<sup>th</sup>. Further details will be forthcoming.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2018 Coupon Book** went to print early last week but have not arrived yet.

**Central MT Planner Page-** Shelby will once again be represented in this 2018 publication with 15 listing plus the chamber info. Ad prices will be the same as 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**November Board Meeting** is on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at noon at Ten Pin Alley. New officers will be elected.

**November Chamber After Hours** is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 28 at Marias Medical Center from 5:30 to 7 pm in the conference room. A formal announcement will be sent out to the Chamber membership later this week.

**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.

**Open Forum - Ladies Night Out** will be held at the Comfort Inn Conference Room on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 22 vendors are expected.

**Kudos of the Week**

Congratulations to the Shelby girls' volleyball team who advance to the state tournament with wins over Glasgow, Choteau and Fairfield. The Shelby football team will host Missoula Loyola in Shelby on Saturday, November 11 after defeating the previously unbeaten Whitehall Trojans. Way to go COYOTES!

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

**Featured Coupon from the new 2017 Chamber Bonus Book:**

**Shelby Chamber of Commerce- Buy 1 Coupon Book & get \$5 off the price of 2nd book.  
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