

December 18, 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, Tom and Lorette Carter, Mike O'Brien and guests Brooke Hale and infant daughter Freya

REPORTS:

City of Shelby

- The City Council Meeting is Monday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 pm at City Hall.
- The Office of Community Development encourages citizens to write letters of support for the planned grant application to purchase maintenance equipment for the Roadrunner Recreation Trail and development of a sitting/picnic area on the north/east side of Lake Sheloole along the trail.
- Work continues on the Montana Accessible Playground Grant Program for playground equipment for the Splash Park.
- The Toole County Combined Fund Drive is in full swing. The 23 organizations hope all citizens will give generously to the campaign. If you don't have a brochure, please contact Lorette Carter at shbcdc@3rivers.net or Crissy Baumann at crissybauman@yahoo.com.
- The Social Media Committee is a partnership of the Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce and Shelby Tourism Business Improvement District. The IT'S HOME Campaign featured area retailers in an effort to encourage people to support our hometown businesses. The Committee also highlights area restaurants and lodging establishments and the pets available for adoption at the Prairie Oasis Animal Shelter. The Committee will focus on the Toole County Combined Fund Drive organizations after Christmas as well as introduce new Chamber Board members.
- Eagle Scout Payson Asper is working with the City of Shelby to reinvigorate the skating rink. Please be looking for details in the coming weeks of a special grand opening.
- The Shelby~ Toole County Transportation Safety Committee/DUI Task Force will be delivering letters and posters to after-hour establishments in an effort to encourage designated drivers and traffic safety over the Christmas and New Year holiday. Attached is the poster created to encourage safe driving. Special thanks to the Office of Public Safety and Montana Highway Patrol for their commitment to our region.

OLD BUSINESS:

December Chamber After Hours was held at the Comfort Inn & Suites on Tuesday, Dec. 12 with about 110 in attendance. The ugly sweater, hat and tie contest was quite lively and numerous door prizes were distributed to the lucky winners. The buffet was delicious and plentiful.

Member Meeting Date Change Many of the regular attendees of the Monday Meetings stated that Monday is the worst day of the week for them for a meeting. The Chamber Board of Directors voted to change the Member Meeting date to Tuesday starting in January. The first

Tuesday of the month would still be the Board Meeting and the rest of the three Tuesdays would be Member Meetings. If any month has 5 Tuesdays we would have 4 Member Meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

January Meeting Locations- The January 2 Board Meeting will be at The Griddle. The Member Meetings on Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 will be at The Country Skillet.

Employment Poster/MT Minimum Wage- No new Federal Employment poster will be printed for 2018 because nothing changed from last year's posters. The State of Montana is not printing any new posters due to cost. The MT minimum wage will be increased to \$8.30 on January. Those with posters are encouraged to cross out the old minimum wage amount of \$8.15 and write in \$8.30.

Office Closed Dec. 22 through Jan 1 so Audie can have a holiday break.

Kudos of the Week

Lorette thanked the comfort Inn for the wonderful Chamber After Hours event on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Audie thanked the Merchant Association for the numerous events that were held in December for the community.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Audie Bancroft.

Featured Coupon from the new 2017 Chamber Bonus Book:
Shelby Floral & Gift- 25% off 1 Flower Arrangement (value of \$\$40 or more)
**Buy a Chamber Bonus Coupon Book at Chamber office, Larson Clothing,
Spa 30 & Boutique**