

August 14th, 2018 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, Ashley Kolve, Mike O'Brien, Locke Mellott

REPORTS: No reports were available. We discussed the change in meeting day - going back to Monday at noon instead of Tuesday, and having an evening meeting the third Monday of the month. It was brought up that the City of Shelby has their meeting on the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month. I will check on the time of their meeting. Maybe we can plan ours around it, or change ours to the 2nd or 4th Monday?

OLD BUSINESS: The Street Fair/Car Show/Art Walk was discussed. We will make some minor changes for next year's event, but overall this year's event went well, and was well-attended.

Locke Mellott thanked the Chamber for the success of the NTC Appreciation Picnic this year. He mentioned several things he liked about this year's picnic: the coolers from Pepsi were a nice touch, having the political candidates from around the county there to help out was a great idea, Butch Gillespie's donated hamburger was a great addition, and having two grills available worked out very well. He noted a couple changes we might make to next year's picnic: having dill relish as well as sweet relish available, having more water & less pop, and maybe having a parking valet for next year. We also plan to use smaller ketchup bottles next year.

The Central Montana Tourism Board Meeting was interesting and informative, the Carousel Tour & ride were fun, and the ice cream was delicious!! We mentioned having other businesses come to the Central Montana Tourism Board Meeting when it's held in Shelby. Doreen will ask Cheri if this is permitted.

NEW BUSINESS: The new CEO at Marias Medical Center would like to come to our September 10th Meeting to introduce himself to the Chamber.

Marias Healthcare Services will host a Chamber After Hours on October 2nd from 5:30-7 pm in the MMC Conference Room. Dr. Ham will be giving his presentation at 5:30 pm.

Ashley Kolve and Best Western Inn will be hosting their Chamber After Hours on February 12th.

The upcoming Flag Football game was discussed. We will wait for more input from Brent Madrid on this.

We have decided to change our meeting day to Monday at noon instead of Tuesday. We also decided to have one evening meeting per month on the third Monday. This change will begin in September. Doreen has contacted the Coyote Club about holding our evening meetings there. Brenda will get back to me on the cost of chips & salsa, and the Coyote Club will provide other snacks (pretzels, cheese balls) if we buy drinks. If we decide we want appetizers, they can

accommodate that also.

Doreen will check with the High School to find out available dates for the Commissioner's Forum. It was mentioned that we make flyers to invite North Toole County residents.

Jennifer Hagood has resigned from the Chamber Board. She has been unable to attend our noon meetings due to her job. She will still help us whenever she can.

Barbie Alvestad is designing T-Shirts for the Shelby Athletics Activities. We were emailed a list of themes for various events. If there's anything the Chamber Members want to partner up on (a Tailgate, 5th Quarter, Table @ the event, or a Program Insert), contact Sara White @ 450-4600. The week of the event they put out a PR Ad on facebook, twitter, etc.

Kudos of the Week: to Marias Medical Center for taking such good care of Crissy's father yesterday. He made special mention of the nurse at the reception desk, Ron, Dr. Gianarelli & the phlebotomist. He was very impressed with the care he received.

Open Forum: MT Cowboy Poetry Gathering August 16-19 @ Fergus High School in Lewistown.

Little Shell Powow August 25th @ First Peoples' Buffalo Jump near Ulm.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Doreen Mckelvey

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