

August 21, 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: Ashley Kolve, Erin Wanken, Mike O'Brien, Crissy Bauman, Lorette Carter, Cheri Hirst.

REPORTS:

City of Shelby: Lorette Carter reported:

- A conference call was held August 14th to discuss the status of the storm water project and provide an update to TSEP specialists on project progress. There is an urgency on the city's part to get the longitudinal permit from BNSF and agree to a reduced easement cost for the storm water project with BNSF. The TSEP funded water project was also discussed with a status report required for funding agency by August 30th.
- The new Shelby billboards should be in place within 2 weeks.
- The public notice period for the CDBG portion of the water extension project will be complete August 29 at which time the City can go to bid on construction of the line.
- I received a message from Commissioner Brandon on the removal of the dying pine trees in front of City Hall. The county will remove and dispose of the trees and the City will grind the stumps out. We will then work through our condominium board for replacement of trees.
- The Toole County Health Department is conducting another Toole County Community Health Assessment in the coming months. The assessment looks at quality of life, understanding health issues within the county and the steps to improve overall health within the county.
- We have received the Recreational Trails Grant Agreement for the development of the picnic area along the trail near Lake Sheloole and can start work on it.
- The next Parks & Rec meeting is Monday, August 27th at 6:30pm at City Hall.
- This week's musician at the Shelby Market & Music is Austin Schilling of Cut Bank. He performs a mix of genres.

Marias Medical Center/Heritage Center: Erin Wanken reported: The State Surveyors passed the Hospital with no deficiencies.

The Auxiliary Rummage will be held Friday, August 24th from 12-4 and Saturday, August 25th from 8-12 at the Heritage Center.

The Heritage Center received a grant for new hand railings in the bathrooms & bedrooms.

The Hospital received a grant for a generator.

The Toole County Health Foundation Golf Tournament had 15 teams competing. They also received many generous donations and were able to combine many of the donations to make packages to raffle off. They made over \$1000 on the Raffle & the 50-50 Drawing.

The Marias Medical Center's next event is the Health Fair. It will be held October 25th from 7 am-3 pm at the Civic Center.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: The new CEO at Marias Medical Center will introduce himself at the September 10th Chamber Member Meeting.

Upcoming Chamber After Hours are: Ten Pin Alley (tentatively on Sept 11th); Marias Healthcare Services – Oct 2nd; and Marias River Electric – October 30th. We have also scheduled Comfort Inn – December and Best Western – February. It was discussed that Motel 6 may want to host an After Hours in November or January.

We are waiting on more details on having a Flag Football Tournament. A Moonlight Madness Basketball Tournament at the Civic Center was also brought up. Maybe these events could help raise money for a charity.

Starting in September, we will be changing our meetings to Mondays instead of Tuesdays. The first Monday of the month will be our Board Meeting. The other Mondays will be Member Meetings. The first, second & fourth meetings will be @ noon @ designated restaurants, and the third meeting will be an evening meeting (5:30 pm) at the Coyote Club.

The Candidates' Forum will be held on Thursday, October 11th at the SHS Auditorium from 7-9 pm. Lorette offered to be the timer. We still need someone to do a "Welcome" and someone to be a moderator. It was suggested that we add to our advertising "If anyone has questions for the candidates, please contact the Chamber"

Kudos of the Week: to the Eagle Creek, Rimrock & Hillside Hutterite Colonies. They provide produce to the Food Pantry every week.

Open Forum: 3 Rivers Customer Appreciation Day is Saturday, August 25th from noon-2pm @ the Belt Pavilion in Belt.

Chamber Survey

The Chamber thanks everyone who took the time to fill out our survey. From the responses we received, it looks like the Chamber needs to promote more events in the Community. I will email events & details to the Chamber Members as I receive them. We would also like to start promoting local businesses by starting a "Did you know..." item for our weekly minutes. That item would also be announced on the Chamber's Monday Morning Talk on KSEN. This would include details about what each business does (ie. The type of law practiced by a particular law office, or an unexpected service or item offered by your business). It was also suggested that our Director visit the Chamber Members at their place of business, so I could make this my mission to visit everyone & determine what makes each Chamber Member's business stand out.

Social Media

The value of using facebook for our local retailers was discussed. We talked about holding an evening workshop on "How to Use Social Media to Promote your Business". This could be a fall project for the Chamber, and we will discuss it further.

Meeting adjourned. Reported by Doreen Mckelvey

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