

December 10, 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: Cheri Hirst, Brent Madrid, MaryAnn Harwood, Elliott Crump, and Lorette Carter

Time and Meeting Place: The meeting was held at Ringside Ribs and was called to order at 12:06 pm.

REPORTS:

City of Shelby: Lorette Carter reported:

There will be no City Council meeting tonight. The Storm Water Project is in the works.

Galena Street will be closed for about four days while the work is being done.

The City received the Forestry Tree Grant. They will be transplanting pine trees from our tree Farm to the Shelby RV Parks. Loren is filling the ice rink as it gets and stays colder. Does The Chamber want to do a Skate Sunday? The new manager at the Civic Center will be there Monday through Thursday from 2-7 pm and Friday from 2 -6 pm. There is a new Class pass To the Civic Center. You can now buy a \$20 pass which gives you five visits as well as the \$40 pass which gives you 10 visits.

The score board at the Civic Center will be fixed and put up. The Toole County Fund Drive Is still happening.

Toole County: MaryAnn Harwood reported:

The water line project at the airport is going well. The pump station will be installed in December. This project is necessary to help with future growth of the airport as well as For handling larger planes.

Due to the decent weather, the county has been able to gravel and grade the roads instead of spending their time plowing.

Flu shots went well this year (700 shots were given, double the amount given last year).

The Museum held their annual Gingerbread Contest. The gingerbread houses and music were Great! The Nelson Family and Sally Aschim performed.

At the end of November, 151 County employees received Shelby Bucks for having no loss of Work.

Pre-planning for the Marias Fair has begun. They are planning to have more activities for Kids, and the Tractor Pull will take place again. They also want to go back to the PRCA Rodeo in 2019. The Fair Board is in need of more Board Members.

Eight new commissioners (including new commissioner: Buff Hartwell and seven elected Officials who are incumbents) will be sworn in on December 28th at 10 am at the Courtroom.

School District #14: Elliott Crump reported:

His review included a Thank you to all who helped make the Speech and Drama Meet on December 1st a success, and The Coyote Classic Basketball tournament on December 7 & 8 Had higher attendance this year. There were over 1300 paying attendees!

Upcoming Events are:

December 11 – K-3 Holiday Program at 2:00 pm.

December 11 – School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm.

FFA will be presenting information about their trip to Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention.

December 13 – JH/HS Holiday Concert at 7:00 pm

December 18 – 4-6 grade Holiday Program at 2:00 pm

December 19 – Camrose Holiday Program at 1:00 pm

December 21 – PAWS Assembly at 10:30 am in the Elementary gym.

December 21 – “Santa Showdown” home Wrestling Meet at noon.

December 21 – Early Dismissal at 1:00 pm.

December 22 – January 2 – Christmas Break

Elementary Projects – New water fountain in Elementary Gym & New Water Heaters in Elementary School.

January 3 – School resumes from Christmas Break.

January 16-17 – OSHA Training

January TBA – 5th & 6th Grade Internet Safety Presentation. This is open to anyone who is interested. Contact Elliott ahead of time.

January TBA – Staff Diabetes Education

Lorette proposed an idea to have one basketball game each year that would allow all Elementary students in for free. They could alternate years between the girls’ team and The boys’ team. Maybe Chamber Members could volunteer to be chaperones and man The exits.

Marias Medical Center/Marias Heritage Center: Mary Ann Harwood reported:

Trip of the Month tickets are still being sold.

The new CEO (William Keifer) is doing very well. He’s making good changes.

Jessica Brusven will be replacing Judy Richman at the Heritage Center, as Judy will be Retiring.

They are still taking names for the Tree of Lights celebration. It will take place tonight At 6 pm.

Core Civic: Brent Madrid reported:

The prison is still short on help. The prevailing wage went up to \$16.78/hr. All other Positions received a wage increase as well.

Turnover went down to 25% this year from 80% last year.

Eleven more TDY (Temporarily Displaced) will be arriving.

The Assistant Warden position was reposted.

Brent will look for a replacement from CoreCivic to be on our board.

He also suggested that the Water Tower be decorated for the holidays. He will contact Mayor McDermott to discuss this possibility.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chili Feed: We fed approximately 289 people this year. It was suggested that we set up A chili tasting contest for next year. It was mentioned that the music at the Christmas

Stroll should be spaced out a bit more to give people a chance to get from one store to The next. It was also suggested that CoreCivic should have a float in the “Light up the Night” Parade.

2019 Enrollment: 65 former members have renewed and we’ve added 5 new members: The Carousel Rest Area of Shelby and Hinrichs Trading are our latest new members, and Clean My Car requested an enrollment form. Doreen will check to see if a coupon in the Coupon book would work for them.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHS Christmas at the Carousel: They accepted Nea’s offer of candy canes. Doreen Volunteered to help Harry Benjamin with anything he needs.

Moonlight Madness Basketball: Elliott will check into a possible conflict with the Snowball Dance that evening.

2019 Coupon Books: Twenty Chamber Members have agreed to have coupons in the 2019 Coupon Books. We decided to make them pink this year.

Board Nominations: The Chamber needs to nominate and vote on four new Board Members.

Chamber Banquet Committee: This committee will consist of all of our Board Members, Lorette Carter and Doreen Mckelvey. It was scheduled for March 29th.

Kudos of the Week: went to the SHS staff for making the Coyote Classic Basketball Tournament a success. Kudos to the City of Shelby for their help setting up the Civic Center to be available if needed.

Open Forum: The Chamber After Hours for December will be held at the Comfort Inn on Tuesday, December 11th at 5:30 pm. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater, hat or tie! An idea was brought up for next year’s Marias Fair to have old-fashioned kids’ contests such as; 3-legged races, a Dunking Booth and other fun activities.....AND A FUNNEL CAKE MACHINE!

Next Meeting: December 17th at 5:30 pm at the Coyote Club.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:10 pm. Reported by Doreen Mckelvey

Featured Coupon from the 2018 Chamber Bonus Book:

Spa 30: 10% off of one retail item (Use once per Month).

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