

January 14, 2019 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, Crissy Bauman, Brent Madrid, Captain Lewis, Harry Benjamin, Erin Wanken, Cheri Hirst, Elliott Crump, Lorette Carter, Deven Merritt, Amy Clark, Saza Lee, Mike O'Brien, Locke Mellott

Time and Meeting Place: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm and was held at Clark's Family Restaurant.

REPORTS:

City of Shelby: Lorette Carter reported:

- The city has completed the 30-day comment period on the MT Fish Wildlife & Parks Urban Trail Program grant and the grant application has been submitted for trail maintenance equipment and completion of the parking area on the northwest side of the trail entrance.
- Work continues on the start-up documentation for Phase II of the storm water project.
- We have completed the initial documentation on the wellfield project. We are waiting on TSEP approval of the amended scope of work. We will then wait on the MT Legislature for approval of TSEP re-funding to complete the funding package for wellfield improvements.
- The City of Shelby/Toole County Crime Victim Advocate Program grant application has been completed to renew the grant for another 2 years.
- The Arbor Day grant of \$750.00 for new tree planting has been submitted. The funding will be used for trees at the east entrance into Shelby. We have also sought a cost for design of the park from Bruce Forde of Forde Nursery who the city has worked with on several park and tree projects.
- We have received word the "Welcome to Shelby" sign planned for the west entrance into Shelby cannot be placed on the I & T property off the interchange. We will continue to work with the Shelby Merchant Association on a new location.
- The Shelby Recycling Association hopes to create a drive-through option at the new recycling site, with cars entering on the east entrance and exiting off the west side of 1st Ave. North.
- The Civic Center now has a facility manager, Jessi La Tray. The January schedule for the Civic Center includes stations on Monday and Wednesday afternoons; spinning on Tuesdays at 5:45 and 7:00pm; and yoga on Thursdays at 7:00pm in racquetball room #1. The facility offers class passes just for classes or monthly individual or family passes. Jessi's office hours are Monday – Thursday from 2:00pm to 7:00pm and Fridays from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.

- Please don't forget the Toole County Combined Fund Drive. Donations assist 20 very worthwhile organizations in Toole County.

School District #14: Elliott Crump reported:

REVIEW:

- The schools held great concerts throughout December.
- December 22 – January 2 was Christmas Break Elementary Projects were completed during the break (The Elementary Gym got a new water fountain, and new water heaters were installed in the Elementary School).
- January 8: Board Meeting – a new Special Education Teacher (Irish Rosales) was hired.
- January 16-17: OSHA Training
- January 17: 7th & 8th Grade Science Trip to ST Mary Glacier National Park (probably won't happen due to the Government Shut-Down)
- January 19: Divisional Speech & Drama at Malta
- January 23-24: JH/HS Semester Exams
- January 25: End of 1st Semester (JH/HS)
- January 25-26: Fergus Mechanics Contest @ Lewistown
- January 26-27: State Speech & Drama @ Three Forks
- January 29: 2nd Semester Traffic Ed. Parent Meeting 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
- January 29: Skyler Martin's Student of the Week will air at 10 PM on KRTV Newscast
- January 30: 5th & 6th Graders and JH/HS Students Internet Safety Presentation (Cut Bank JH/HS will be attending as well).
- February 2: Divisional Wrestling @ Cut Bank
- February 7: 100 Days of School
- February 8-9: State Wrestling @ Billings
- February 14-16: BBB & GBB District Tournament @ Shelby
- February 21-23: GBB Divisional Tournament @ Malta
- February 28-March 2: BBB Divisional Tournament @ Shelby

Marias Medical Center/Marias Heritage Center: Erin Wanken Reported:

- The new Patient Monitoring System is up and running.
- MMC has acquired four new pieces of equipment for the Infusion Center.
- The managers will be participating in Leadership Building & Training.
- MRI's will be three days a week starting in February.
- The Heritage Center has a studio apartment and a 1-bedroom apartment available.
- Judy Richmond's retirement party is January 21st.

Core Civic: Brent Madrid reported:

- Brent introduced Captain Lewis, the new Administrative Captain at CoreCivic.
- They are still short 12 TDY staff.
- A Legislative Committee will be touring CCA on Saturday.
- The Assistant Warden position is still posted. They are waiting on the transfer of an existing Warden.

Merchants Association: Lorette reminded us of the Merchants Meeting tomorrow at 8 am at the Griddle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Moonlight Madness: Locke Mellott thanked all who helped make the tournament a success. Doreen Mckelvey reported that we received our deposit back from the Civic Center, and after All sponsorships come in, we will be \$111 ahead. Prairie Peddler Chamber After Hours was very nice. We had a very good turnout, and the Food Kelli served was excellent! Our next Chamber After Hours will be at Best Western on February 12th at 5:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coupon Books: are being shipped from the printer today.

2019 Enrollment Update: We currently have 89 Members who have enrolled for 2019 (including 6 new members). It was decided that Doreen and the Board Members split up the list of members who haven't responded and contact them by phone.

Chamber Banquet: There is a conflict with the MRE Banquet on April 12th.

Alternative Healthcare/Brews & Booze Fest: It was suggested that we combine the two Events. It was also suggested that we do this as a Chamber After Hours -maybe at Bowenworks) Erin Wanken also wanted to be able to include the Alternative Healthcare Offered at the Hospital. She also offered to help with setting this up. Doreen will check with Marla Hasquet from Bowenworks to find out if she's interested in hosting a CAH.

Kudos of the Week: to Locke Mellott for coming up with the idea for the Basketball Tournament and for all the hard work he put into it. Deven Merritt gave the Chamber kudos for our help on their "Christmas at the Carousel Event".

Open Forum: The Civic Center has a new manager: Jessi LaTray. She will be setting up workout stations Mondays & Wednesdays; Tuesdays there will be spinning classes at 5:45 and 7 pm; Thursdays there will be a TV available for workout videos, and at 7 pm they will be doing Yoga with Roseanne in the racquetball court.

Next Meeting: January 28th at noon at Clark's Family Restaurant

Meeting adjourned at: 12:37 pm Reported by Doreen Mckelvey