

**May 20, 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.

Our meeting was held at the Coyote Club and was called to order at 5:38 pm.

Members present: Nea Rice, Saza Lee, Gordon Smedsrud, Russ Seubert, Brenda Burns, and guest; Jack Widmar

**REPORTS:**

**Marias Care Center:** Saza Lee reported:

Last week was National Nursing Home Week. They had a nice BBQ to celebrate.

The week before last was National Nurses Week.

Saza's goal is to get the public more involved – he feels that public participation could be better. Tomorrow (May 21<sup>st</sup>), the SHS students will be shadowing the nurses and Saza to learn more about the nursing home.

**Merchants Association:** Doreen reported:

The Merchants will be meeting Wednesday at 8 am at the Griddle.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Chamber After Hours:** The attendance was pretty low. What can we do to get more of the public to show up for these events? It has been suggested that Doreen put up posters – and put PSA's on KSEN.

**Banquet:** Doreen is finishing up the Thank You's and tying up loose ends.

**Directory:** The directories have gone to print. They were delivered to the Chamber office on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Coupon Book Update:** Sales are at \$565 – not including what the FFA Club and other businesses have sold. Thad White requested more coupon books to sell a couple weeks ago. The Chamber also gave one as a thank you to Jim Anderson for his help with the playhouse.

**Playhouse Ticket Update:** At the time of the meeting we had sold \$550 worth of tickets, but we are now up to \$ 930. We also decided to put a PSA on KSEN to remind people that we are still selling tickets. Nea & I will sit by the playhouse on the morning of June 1<sup>st</sup> – and try to sell more. It was also suggested that we set up by the Prairie Peddler to do this. We will try both places.

**Kite Festival Volunteers:** Nea will be at the entrance getting a count of people who come out for the festival to gather more information for funding purposes. Doreen will help the kids put together the kites again. We need someone to sell water & pop for the Chamber. It was suggested that we sell the small bottled water for 50 cents each or 2 for \$1. Jack Widmar also told us that they decided to back off on vendors this year – although they still have food vendors. They are planning a swap meet as well. Doreen will put the Kite Festival information on the reader board starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Kudos of the Week:** to the SHS musicians who went to the State Music Festival.

**Open Forum:** Terri Jo Baney is purchasing HiLine Design. She will be open September 1<sup>st</sup> under a new name.

Doreen will look for the warranty on the laptop. It bit the dust a few months ago, and it should have still been covered.

Gordon Smedsrud mentioned that the Kiwanis will be putting on the pancake feed at the Street Fair again this year.

We discussed several ways for Shelby to “Reinvent Itself” like the town of Phillipsburg did. Our ideas included: Setting up a Bike Race or Bike tour – maybe a Historic Bike Ride or a tour of Shelby’s Historic Downtown – and include the Museum, the Carousel and the Veterans’ Memorial. This could take place throughout the summer for anyone who is interested. We could also set up a bike race on the Walking Trail. It was suggested that we advertise with posters and PSA’s on KSEN.

We also talked about Hiking in the Sweetgrass Hills. Jay Clark was mentioned as a contact, as well as Dean Hellinger and J.B. Chandler. Doreen has been working with Jessie Anderson from Chester and Jim and Lindsey Bennett of Havre Trails (who do guided hikes of East Butte.) Much of the land in the Sweetgrass Hills is under Block Management. Some of the landowners allow access. Signs would be helpful. We will need to get permission to put them up. Maybe The High School wood shop would be interested in helping construct them. Would an Eagle Scout or the FFA Club want help with mapping? Would the TBID help with funding? It was also suggested that ATV Trails would be a nice addition. We could definitely make more outdoor adventures available in our area!

**Next Meeting:** Our next Member Meeting will be at noon on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Pizza Hut.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:40 pm . Reported by Doreen Mckelvey

**Featured Coupon from the 2019 Chamber Bonus Book:**

**Taylor’s True Value: 10% off any regular priced item (can be used twice)**

**Did you know...**

**...Shelby Paint & Hardware is selling bedding plants during their regular business hours?**