

September 23, 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.

CALL TO ORDER: Our meeting was held at Clark's Family Restaurant and was called to order at 12:10 PM. Members Present were: Cheri Hirst, Crissy Bauman, Sandra Blosser, Lorette Carter, Mike O'Brien, and Amy Clark.

REPORTS:

City of Shelby: Lorette Carter Reported:

- Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Monday, September 30 at 6:30 PM at the Civic Center
- City Council Meeting Monday, October 7 at 6:30 PM at City Hall
- Fall Cleanup will be October 15-18. If you have any large items to be picked up, Call the City Shop at 434-5564 to get on the list for pickup.
- The City has started a facebook page with a "Help Wanted" post for job listings.
- Fall projects include: Improvements to the Swimming Pool, Welcome Sign at Shelby's East Entrance, Finishing paving on 12th Avenue and at the corner of Boulder and Galena. Paving at other areas will be completed after the Storm Drainage Project is finished.
- Toole County Fund Drive will be starting soon.

Merchants Association: Lorette Carter reported: The Merchants Association will be meeting tomorrow (September 24th) at 8:00 AM at the Griddle.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rock the Coyotes: All rocks will be in place this week. A "Low Tech" version was requested, but we decided there

Was not a way to make that work.

2020 Enrollment Form: The decision was made to send the Enrollment Form to our members via email. We can do a follow-up mailing later. The members who have multiple businesses will be contacted separately.

Central Montana Planner Ad: At the time of the meeting, 7 advertisers were confirmed. Three more responses have come in since then. Doreen will follow up with the rest of last year's participants by phone this week and next week.

Coupon Books: Doreen has been gathering unsold books and the last bit of money from coupon book sales. She still has a few places to contact. An idea was mentioned to start selling them at the Chamber Office for half price as soon as the unsold books are gathered. We will have the Board vote on this. The 2020 Coupon Book invite is ready to go out. Doreen will email it this week.

Halloween Parade: Shelby TBID, Coyote Club & CHS are participating. Albertson's will be serving hot dogs starting at 4 pm. It was suggested to contact businesses who are not on Main Street to welcome them to participate. All Chamber Members were contacted by email on September 19th.

Calendar of Events: The Chamber would like to remind everyone to notify the Chamber office of any events they want to add to the Chamber Website's Calendar.

2020 All Class Reunion: We discussed doing the Friday Night Refreshments at the Civic Center during the Reunion as we have done in the past. We will need volunteers, and those volunteers will need to do the TIPS Training online to get certified to sell alcohol. There will be further discussion.

Chamber After Hours: Marias River Electric will be hosting our next Chamber After Hours on October 22. Information regarding Chamber After Hours was sent to the Golf Course, and Amy Clark requested that the information be mailed to her also. CHS has agreed to host (maybe two) After Hours Events. They will contact Doreen with the date(s).

Kudos of the Week: to the SHS students for a great Homecoming Celebration last week.

Coupon of the Week: Marias Valley Golf Course: Get 9 holes of golf FREE (M-F) – Use 2 times. AND Buy 1 Beer/Get the 2nd one FREE – Use 4 times.

Did you Know... You can drop off your dry cleaning at Larson Clothing? Some of the items they offer are Coyote Wear, Work Boots, Men's Shoes, Belts, Wallets, Ties, Underwear and socks. They also carry inexpensive backpacks and duffel bags (including Carhart Bags). Sandra is also expanding her Women's Clothing – she now offers plus sizes and may soon be stocking women's underwear.

Open Forum:

- Toole County Combined Fund Drive Campaign is Starting soon. Their goal this year is \$30,000.00.
- Resilience: a 1-day Women's Leadership Network Conference in Helena Friday, October 18th 9 AM – 5 PM
- Chamber Monthly Focus: Doreen would like to start A monthly promotion of our business categories. One Month could be Agriculture Month, Insurance Month, Etc. She's looking for ideas. It was suggested that our Board Members come up with something to highlight their Various categories. This will be added to the Board Agenda.
- Information for 2020 Banquet: Golf Course seats 210. Cleaning Deposit is \$200.

Next Member Meeting: Monday, September 30th at Noon at Clark's Family Restaurant

Adjournment: Our meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM Reported by Doreen Mckelvey.