

December 2, 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 and Lorette Carter

CALL TO ORDER: Our meeting was held at Clark's Family Restaurant and was called to order at 12:15 PM.

REPORTS:

City of Shelby: Lorette Carter reported:

- The City Council meets tonight at 6:30 PM.
- The City Crew is plowing the Emergency Service Routes first. They will work on the side streets after the routes to the Hospital, Schools, and 6th Avenue are finished.
- The City is working with BNSF on a Rail Safety Project.
- The City would like to encourage people to access the Civic Center and check out the new classes being offered.
- The City also asks everyone to give generously to the Toole County combined Fund Drive.
- The City also reminds everyone to Shop Locally!

OLD BUSINESS:

Change in Insurance: The paperwork has been signed, and The check has been dropped off. The Chili Feed will be Covered under the new plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chili Feed: Reminders went out by text, phone & email This morning. We have 4 Roasters and 5 or 6 Crock pots of Chili being donated. We also have 8 dozen Corn Muffins and 4 sheet pans of Cornbread coming. 6 volunteers plus the FFA Kids will be helping.

Enrollment Update: 51 members have enrolled for 2020 – This number reflects free memberships and companies who Pay for multiple memberships. Doreen is working on the Mailing for the Dues enrollment. It is scheduled to go out on

December 5th.

All Class Reunion: The next All Class Reunion meeting will Be on January 9th. Lorette offered to come to our next Board Meeting to help clear up any questions we have about The Friday Get Together, and what is expected of the Chamber.

GFDA Workshop: Rich Gannon of the Great Falls Development Authority has offered to come to Shelby and Hold a "Get Found Online" Class (30 Minute Basics of Web Search, and an audit of your website). There is no charge For the class. Rich can also teach us about HR Training, Loan Readiness, Market Research, Government Contracting, And more! We are hoping to get enough interest from our Chamber Members to make this happen....maybe in January Or February. We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

Kudos of the Week: to the City Crew for hanging Christmas Decorations on Main Street & Oilfield Avenue, for putting up The lights in the trees in City Park, and for hanging a new Montana flag at the Chamber Building and for keeping the Chamber's sidewalks shoveled. Their hard work is much Appreciated! Kudos also to Marias River Electric for partner-Ing with the City to hang the Christmas Decorations – and For the use of their cherry picker to help with the decorating.

Coupon of the Week: MMC Auxiliary Gift Shop: Take 10% off any regular priced item. Use 2 times.

Did you Know... JAK Studios does aerial videography and Photography? And that they are required to have an FFA Part 107 Certificate to fly a drone commercially? Contact Adam at 434-8140 for more information.

Open Forum: We discussed having the Civic Center host a Chamber After Hours. Lorette will look into the possibility of doing this – maybe in January to encourage people to buy a pass for 2020. Lorette also suggested that we put a reminder to pay Chamber dues on Facebook and mention all of the Chamber

activities and the benefits of being a Chamber member. She also mentioned putting an invite to the Chili Feed on the Chamber's Facebook page.

Next Member Meeting: We will meet next on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 5:30 pm at the Coyote Club.

Adjournment: We adjourned at 12:46 pm. Reported by Doreen Mckelvey.