

**Raymore Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2009**

The Executive Board lunch meeting for the Raymore Chamber of Commerce was held at Allen Bank and Trust Company's Community Room in Raymore on April 23, 2009. Board members in attendance were President Mike Medsker, Treasurer Bryan Mallory, Vice President Janelle Biernbaum, Past President Shauna Stephenson, Members at Large Drew Rhode, Raymore City Representatives Eric Berlin, and Gene Thompson and Administrative personnel Cherie Turney. Not attending the meeting were Michael Wade, Secretary Robin Noe, Dr. Jeff Kyle, and Brent Ewert. The President called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Mike Medsker asked that the board review the Secretary and Treasurer's Reports that were included in each board member's packet. Gene Thompson moved to accept the minutes with one change to the Secretary's Report, that being Eric Berlin not in attendance at the 3-19-09. Shauna Stephenson seconded the motion, and they were unanimously approved.

Featured Business of the Month – Jerri Rellihan, Attorney, Rick Thomas, PHD, and Able Pest Control were chosen as May businesses of the month.

Membership – Total members for 2009 is currently at 151. We have 47 non-renewals from 2008. New members are Joe's Town and Quick Care. Janelle Biernbaum, Membership Chair, reported that the committee will be meeting in May and report back to the board at the May meeting.

By-Laws – By-Laws Chair, Janelle Biernbaum, reported that the By-Laws Committee will be having their first meeting on Friday, May 8th at noon at Allen Bank and Trust Community Room. Notices will be sent to members via e-mail.

Raymore Night at the K – Cherie reported to the board that as of today's date approximately 750 tickets have been sold. The event will be held on 4-24-09. An update on the event will be given to the board at the May meeting.

Scholarship – The Scholarship Committee chaired by Robin Noe met and selected three (3) students from the Raymore-Peculiar School District to receive scholarships. This year the Chamber will be awarding two (2) \$1500 and one (1) \$1000 scholarships. Changes on the scholarship application and selection process were discussed. The students and their parents will be invited to the May general membership meeting to receive the awards, as well as a representative from the Chamber will be at the Seniors Awards night to present certificates and a plaque.

New Business – The Board was advised that Michael Wade resigned from his position as a board member due to his relocating to St. Louis, MO area for his employment. Bryan Mallory moved to appoint Jason Matters from New Vision Church of the Nazarene as a replacement for this open position. This was seconded by Janelle Biernbaum and unanimously approved. This will be presented to the General Membership at the May meeting and then voted upon at the June meeting.

Cherie presented information to the Board that she had received regarding a Fireworks Tent. A tent will be put up in the Price Chopper Parking Lot in Raymore and Price Chopper had asked for a non-for-profit organization interested in staffing the booth as a fund raiser. After discussion a motion was made by

Janelle Biernbaum to sponsor the stand to be staffed by the Raymore-Peculiar 2009-2010 Cheerleading squad under the supervision of their parents. The Chamber will receive 25% of the net proceeds and the cheerleaders 75%. The motion was seconded by Gene Thompson and unanimously approved.

Cherie advised the Board of a request from Tom Kruse, Activities Director at Ray-Pec Schools for 430 bottles of water and healthy snacks for students from the Chamber and/or businesses during upcoming testing. After discussion the board tabled the issue.

Membership Directory – Cherie Turney presented to the Board information regarding the printing of our 2009 Membership Directory. This will be sent to print soon for distribution by June.

Thank you letters were read, one from the American Legion Belton Post #488 for the Chambers Scholarships to two students from Raymore-Peculiar High School for Boys and Girls State, and one from Eric Berlin.

Office Updates – The Chambers new web-site project was discussed. Mike Medsker, President will be contacting the company doing the new design to establish a project completion date. 68 New Resident Packets were mailed for the month of March.

Unfinished Business – Cherie asked the Board if they had any further input on the Cares Card Program. The Board asked that she contact the representative. The Board was given information regarding a Corporate Challenge after Hours Event. This will possibly be held in July. Mike Medsker will provide the Board with further information at the May meeting.

Upcoming Chamber Events – April 24 – Raymore Night at the K, April 30th Spring After Hours hosted by Foxwood Springs, May 2 – After Hours hosted by Dr. Kelly Spiller, Friday May 8 – Monthly Morning Coffee hosted by New Vision Church of the Nazarene, May 21 – May Board Meeting and May 26th Membership Luncheon at Community Bank of Raymore.

Gene Thompson advised the board of the Raymore Mayor's Economic Development Breakfast May 29th at Foxwood Springs at 8 AM.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 12: 50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Biernbaum, Vice President