

Raymore Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2010

The Raymore Chamber of Commerce Board meeting was held on February 18, 2010 at the Country Club Bank Community Room in Raymore, Missouri. President Janelle Biernbaum called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. Those attending were President Janelle Biernbaum, Past President Mike Medsker, Vice President Bryan Mallory, Treasurer Tom Circo, Members-at-Large Brent Ewert, Dr. Jeff Kyle, Gene Thompson, and administrative personnel Cherie Turney.

Board members were asked to review the secretary and treasurer's reports. A motion was made by Dr. Kyle to accept the Secretary's Report, as written. Bryan Mallory seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Brent Ewert to accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Mike Medsker seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved.

Featured Businesses of the Month – Janelle Biernbaum made a motion to nominate Community Bank of Raymore as a Featured Business of the Month for March. Brent Ewert seconded the motion. The nomination was unanimously approved. Gene Thompson made a motion to nominate Wal-Mart as a Featured Business of the Month for March. Jeff Kyle seconded the motion. The nomination was unanimously approved. Mike Medsker made a motion to nominate New Vision Church of the Nazarene as a Featured Business of the Month for March. Brent Ewert seconded the motion. The nomination was unanimously approved. Janelle requested the Chamber office to email her the phone numbers for the Featured Businesses of the Month for February. She will contact them to invite them to attend this month's meeting.

Committee Updates:

Membership – Total members for 2009 was 178. We currently have 127 new and/or renewed members for 2010. There are 58 non-renewals to date.

Wendy Brown, Chairperson for the Membership Committee, will schedule a membership meeting within the next two weeks.

Raymore Night at the "K" – The Eagle Glen Intermediate School and Bridle Ridge Intermediate School choirs will both perform the National Anthem at this year's Raymore Day at the "K". The Chamber office will contact Mrs. Hatfield or Stephen Rew at Eagle Glen Intermediate School to find out how many students will be participating. Then, she will contact the Royals regarding the number of participants. Once this is approved with the Royals, Cherie will get a CD of the National Anthem from Mrs. Jennifer Gibson to deliver to the Royals for approval. The Chamber will solicit sponsorships from our local businesses to cover the cost of the tickets for the choir members.

Scholarship – Applications for this year's scholarships have been delivered to the Raymore-Peculiar High School and press releases have been sent to all local newspapers. The deadline for applying for this year's scholarships is March 31, 2010. *No new updates.*

New Business:

Speaker for March Membership Meeting – The Chamber received a request from the Gary Mallory, Cass County Presiding Commissioner, requesting to appear at an upcoming membership meeting to give an update on Cass County. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to have Cass County give an update at the March membership luncheon meeting. The speakers for March will be Gary Mallory, Cass County Presiding Commissioner, “Progress-Cass County”, and Joe Mullins, University of Central Missouri, “Small Business Assistance”.

Ray-Pec Citizens Opposed to Higher Taxes – The Chamber received a written request from the Ray-Pec Citizens Opposed to Higher Taxes to speak at an upcoming Chamber membership meeting regarding opposition to the school tax levy. The board discussed the request. Since we already have two speakers for the February meeting and two speakers for the March meeting, the board voted unanimously, with three members of the board abstaining, to deny the request. However, the board did decide to extend an invitation to the Ray-Pec Citizens Opposed to Higher Taxes and the Ray-Pec Citizens for Children groups to speak at the upcoming Chamber sponsored candidate forum scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, for five minutes each.

Annual Joint Chamber Meeting – The Belton Chamber of Commerce will host this year’s event. It is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, at the Belton High School Freshman Center-Commons Area. More details to follow.

Annual Golf Tournament – This year’s event is scheduled for Monday, August 24, at Creekmoor Golf Club. The committee will start on this event upon completion of the Raymore Day at the “K” event.

Fireworks Tent – The Chamber has received a request to sponsor a fireworks tent again this year. The board decided to table this request, while Dr. Kyle checks to see what groups in the Ray-Pec School District might be interested in this fundraiser.

Office Updates – There were 56 new resident packets mailed in February.

Unfinished Business --

Candidate Forum – The Chamber will host the candidate forum for Mayor and City Council candidates on Wednesday, March 24, at 7:00 pm in the Raymore City Hall Council Chambers. The committee will meet soon to have a brief meeting regarding the format for this evening.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- **Tuesday, February 23** – Monthly Membership Luncheon Meeting at Community Bank of Raymore. 11:30 am – Networking. Noon – Lunch/Meeting.
- **Thursday, March 11** – Monthly Morning Coffee hosted by Outdoor Solutions at the Raymore Chamber Office from 7:30-9:00 am.
- **Thursday, March 11** – Cass County Coalition of Chamber Meeting, Creekmoor Golf Club, at 11:45 am.
- **Friday, March 12** – Annual Mayor’s Economic Development Breakfast at Foxwood Springs-Holmes Hall from 8:00-9:30 am.
- **Thursday, March 18** – Monthly Board Meeting at Country Club Bank Community Room at noon.
- **Tuesday, March 23** – Monthly Membership Luncheon Meeting at Community Bank of Raymore. 11:30 am – Networking. Noon – Meeting/Lunch.
- **Wednesday, March 24** – Mayor/City Council Candidate Forum at City of Raymore Council Chambers at 7:00 pm.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Turney