

**Raymore Chamber of Commerce  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 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 February 19, 2009. Board members in attendance were President Mike Medsker, Past President Shauna Stephenson, Vice President Janelle Biernbaum, Secretary Robin Noe, Treasurer Bryan Mallory, Members at Large Michael Wade, Drew Rohde and Brent Ewert. Raymore City representatives Gene Thompson and Eric Berlin were also present. Administrative personnel present were Cherie Turney and Connie Hopkins. Not attending the meeting was Jeff Kyle. The President called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Mike Medsker asked the Board to review the Secretary and Treasurer's Reports that were included in each board member's packet. Gene Thompson moved to accept the reports as presented. Eric Berlin seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

**Featured Businesses of the Month** – The Kansas City Star, Justin Hoffman; Van Hooser & Eftink, Ernie Van Hooser; and Hight & Associates Land & Title, Inc., Jeanne Trujillo were chosen as March featured businesses of the month.

**Membership** – Total membership for 2008 was 176. 2009 New/Renewed membership stands at 125. New members include Chartroose Caboose, Edward Jones, Kathryn Steele and Orscheln Farm & Home.

**By-laws** - Janelle Biernbaum, Chair of the By-Laws Committee reported that the committee would meet in March.

**Raymore Night at the "K"** – An audition CD was submitted to the Royals Home Office featuring Eagle Glen Intermediate School's 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir singing the National Anthem. Cherie emailed them to see if the recording had been received and reviewed. Cherie received an email today informing her that the choir had been approved to sing the National Anthem on April 24<sup>th</sup>, which is the date set for Raymore Night at the "K". Cherie has informed Dr. Jeff Kyle. Janelle will inform Ms. Jennifer Gibson, Choir Director at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, and invite her to attend the February Membership Dinner on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Scholarship Committee** – Cherie has notified the Ray-Pec High School scholarship coordinator that the Raymore Chamber will be giving out scholarships again this year. The deadline for scholarship applications has been set for March 31<sup>st</sup>. Cherie will get the scholarship applications and make copies for committee members to review. A date will be set for the committee to convene and review the applications.

**Golf Tournament Committee** – will set a date to convene the committee in 4-6 weeks to begin the planning process for the tournament on August 24, 2009.

## **New Business:**

**City Map** – there are a few spaces available due to business closings. The office will let members know of availability.

**The Care Gift Card** – Stan Jablonski called Cherie to inform her about this promotion. Mike Medsker, President, stated that this might be a potential moneymaking project this year as long as we do not have to pay out any upfront money. Cherie will get more details and report to the Board.

Chris Molendorp sent Cherie an email regarding Ike Skelton's upcoming Procurement Conference on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The office has the information if anyone is interested.

Ad space on the Ray-Pec Sports Calendar is available. The representative asked the Board to make information available to interested Chamber Members.

Our CCEM membership is up for renewal. After discussion, Janelle Biernbaum made a motion that we not renew this year. Brent Ewert seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

**Office Updates** - Cherie and Connie are still working with Joe Rossini to get the website online.

49 New Resident Packets were sent out for the month of February 2009.

**Unfinished Business** – Cherie announced that we still need speakers for May, July and September membership meetings. The November membership meeting will be our annual awards dinner.

Cherie received a letter from John Meyer stating that the Cass County Coalition is considering merging with the Cass County Economical Development. They are soliciting area Chambers for membership dues. Eric Berlin, City of Raymore, stated that the city already pays \$1 per capita to belong. It was decided that in view of this, the Chamber would not pay any additional dues.

## **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

**Tuesday, February 24** – February Membership Dinner Meeting at Foxwood Springs-Holmes Hall. Networking/Registration-6:30 pm. Dinner/Meeting-7:00pm.

**Friday, March 13** – Monthly Morning Coffee Hosted by Outdoor Solutions at the Raymore Chamber of Commerce Office from 7:30-9:00 am.

**Tuesday, March 24** – Membership Luncheon at Community Bank of Raymore. Networking/Registration-11:30 am. Luncheon/Meeting following at noon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42.

Respectfully Submitted.

Robin Noe, Secretary