

Raymore Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2010

The Raymore Chamber of Commerce Board meeting took place on January 21, 2010 at the Country Club Bank Community Room in Raymore, Missouri. President Janelle Biernbaum called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM. Those attending were President Janelle Biernbaum, Vice President Bryan Mallory, Treasurer Tom Circo, Members-at-Large Brent Ewert, Dr. Jeff Kyle, Wendy Lemos-Brown, Jason Matters, Gene Thompson, and administrative personnel Cherie Turney.

Board members were asked to review the secretary and treasurer's reports for the November 2009 board meeting and the membership meeting minutes for June 23, 2009, that were included in the board packet placed in front of them. A motion was made by Dr. Kyle to accept the Secretary's Report for June 23, 2009 Membership Meeting, as written. Bryan Mallory seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Brent Ewert to accept the Secretary's Report for the November 12, 2009 board meeting, as written. Tom Circo seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Tom Circo to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 2009, as presented. Gene Thompson seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved.

Featured Businesses of the Month – There was a discussion regarding the selection process for Featured Businesses of the Month. It was decided that the Board would no longer determine the Featured Businesses of the Month by drawing the names of businesses. The Board would make nominations for Featured Businesses of the Month each month using the criteria approved by the Board. Culver's, City of Raymore Snow Removal Crew, and Farmers Insurance-Tom Circo Agency were chosen for the month of January. Cosentino's Price Chopper, The Manor Homes of Eagle Glen, and Equine Health Solutions were chosen for the month of February. A motion was made by Bryan Mallory to accept the nominations for the January and February Featured Businesses of the Month. Gene Thompson seconded the motion. The Featured Businesses of the Month for January and February were unanimously approved.

Committee Updates:

Membership – Total members for 2009 was 178. We currently have 113 new and/or renewed members for 2010. There are 73 non-renewals to date. New members include Calvary Bible College, Dean's Trophies, Global Cuisine, Ben Williams, Michael J. Rumley, Stern Brothers & Company, Cassco Area Workshop, Inc., and Traces Technology Group.

Wendy Brown, Chairperson for the Membership Committee, will schedule a membership meeting in the near future.

Raymore Night at the "K" – The Kansas City Royals have given us the option of hosting our annual Raymore Night at the "K" event this year on either Friday night, April 23, or Sunday afternoon, April 25. Dr. Kyle made a motion to schedule the event for Sunday, April 25. Bryan Mallory seconded the motion. The board determined that this year's event will be held on Sunday, April 25. At this time, we need to deliver a CD to the Royals from the Raymore-Peculiar choir or choir(s) for approval on performing the National Anthem. Dr. Kyle will assist with this. The Royals have also committed to us that we will have the Color Guard presentation this year. A decision regarding the First Pitch for this year's event will come at a later date.

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.

New Business:

February Membership Meeting – Due to the low attendance of our February dinner meetings in recent years, the decision was made to change the February membership meeting from a dinner meeting to a luncheon meeting. Registration and networking for the February 23 membership meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. The lunch and meeting will begin at noon.

The Chamber received a written request from the Raymore-Peculiar School District requesting to appear at an upcoming membership meeting to give an update on the school district. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to have the school district give an update at the February membership luncheon meeting. The speakers for February will be Joe Rossini, Rossini Management Systems, Inc., “Raymore Chamber Website” and Dr. Jeff Kyle, Superintendent for the Raymore-Peculiar School District, “Ray-Pec School District Update”.

November 2010 Board Meeting and Membership Meeting Dates – Due to the Veteran’s Day and Thanksgiving holidays during November, there was a discussion regarding the dates for the November board meeting and the November membership meeting. It was decided to leave the board meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2010. The date for the November membership meeting will be determined at a later date.

Parliamentarian – The Parliamentarian for the 2010 Raymore Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is Dr. Jeff Kyle.

Cass County Day at the Capitol – The Cass County Day at the Capitol is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23. Information was provided for anyone interested in attending.

Missouri Chamber Day at the Capitol – The 19th Annual Missouri Chamber Day at the Capitol is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17. Information was provided for anyone interested in attending.

Candidate Forum – There was a discussion regarding the Raymore Chamber of Commerce hosting a candidate forum for the candidates of the upcoming Mayor/City Council elections. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for the Raymore Chamber to host a candidate forum at the City of Raymore in the Council Chambers. It was suggested that the forum be scheduled between March 22-26. Eric Berlin will check on the availability of a date. Brent Ewert volunteered to be the moderator for this forum.

Office Updates – There were 88 new resident packets mailed in December and 66 new resident packets mailed in January.

Unfinished Business --

2010 Budget – The final 2010 budget was presented for approval. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the budget as presented.

Awards – The annual awards will be presented at the January luncheon meeting on Tuesday, January 26.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- **Tuesday, January 26** – Monthly Membership Luncheon Meeting at Community Bank of Raymore. 11:30 am – Networking. Noon – Meeting/Lunch.
- **Saturday, January 30** – Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge at Longview Lake.
- **Friday, February 12** – Monthly Morning Coffee hosted by Equine Health Solutions, 18011 E State Route 58, from 7:30-8:30 am.
- **Monday, February 15** – Chamber Office closed in observance of President's Day.
- **Thursday, February 18** – Monthly Board Meeting at Country Club Bank Community Room at noon.
- **Tuesday, February 23** – Monthly Membership Meeting at ??

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.