

**Raymore Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
January 22, 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 January 22, 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 Dr. Jeff Kyle, Michael Wade, Eric Berlin, and Gene Thompson. Board members absent were Drew Rohde and Brent Ewert. The President called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Mike asked the Board to review the Secretary and Treasurer's Reports that were included in each board member's packet. With revisions noted Jeff Kyle moved to accept the reports as presented. Janelle Biernbaum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Featured Businesses of the Month – two from Raymore and one from Belton were selected for February. The February businesses selected were Frankie & Johnny's Pub & Grille, Jeffrey Cox Law Office, and Mazuma Credit Union.

Membership – 91 members have submitted membership renewals for 2009. 2008 ended with 176 members. The membership committee has not convened yet, although they will meet and set a date for the membership blitz.

Office Updates

56 new resident packages were mailed out in January.

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The special Executive session that was called specifically to vote on the holiday schedule that Chamber personnel would observe on December 23, 2008 was not conducted correctly, therefore, the vote could not be counted.

The Board revisited the issue of the holiday schedule for 2009. A motion was made by Janelle Biernbaum and seconded by Bryan Mallory to observe the following holiday schedule for 2009. The motion passed.

January 1, 2009	New Year's Day
January 29, 2009	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
February 16, 2009	President's Day
May 25, 2009	Memorial Day
July 3, 2009	Day before Independence Day
September 7, 2009	Labor Day
October 12, 2009	Columbus Day
November 11, 2009	Veteran's Day
November 26 & 27, 2009	Thanksgiving Day and the Day After
December 24 & 25, 2009	Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Website – Cherie and Connie are hoping to have all information to Joe Rossini by Monday, January 26, 2009. The website should be operational within two to three weeks after that.

Office Copier – Cherie submitted a quote on four different copiers that are being considered for the Board to review and vote on. It was decided that option #3, a Canon IR-2220i was the best choice. We will lease the copier at a cost of \$144.50 per month and will retain ownership at the end of the lease.

New Business

Janelle Biernbaum volunteered to be the Parliamentarian for the Raymore Chamber of Commerce for 2009.

By-Laws – Janelle Biernbaum will chair the committee to review the by-laws in 2009. The current by-laws state that this is to be done every other year. Shauna Stephenson will serve with Janelle on this committee.

It was suggested that we participate in a Community Guide. Cherie will get a proposal on the cost to do this.

Chamber Night at the “K” – There has been a major change in the home office this year, and they cannot guarantee that the Ray-Pec choir will be singing the National Anthem on this night. They are requiring that all choirs submit a recorded CD. They will make a decision after hearing the recorded audition. A representative from Raymore probably will not get to throw the first pitch this year, either. Last year we sold 899 tickets. This year they are requiring 2500 tickets be sold to have the rights for the first pitch. They have moved “buck night” to Wednesdays. It is possible that we could still get a date on a Friday night, which is “fireworks night”. Janelle Biernbaum may have a contact to call. Cherie will also call the person in their office with whom she has been talking to regarding setting up a meeting to get our questions answered.

Budget – The final budget revision was presented to the Board for approval. A question was raised regarding the \$100 discrepancy between income and expense on the New Resident Mailing line item. Since this is not supposed to cost the Chamber anything, it was decided to change the income line to \$2200 to match the expense line item. This being the only revision to the budget, a motion was made by Eric Berlin and seconded by Jeff Kyle to approve the 2009 budget with revision. The motion passed.

Since it is a deficit budget, discussion ensued on how to generate more income. It was a general consensus that one of the ways to do this would be to raise membership dues and the fee for advertising in the new resident packets for 2010. A committee has been formed to gather information from area Chambers and to report back to the Board. More discussion will follow on this topic at a later meeting.

Golf Tournament – The Annual Raymore Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament will be held at Creekmoor Golf Club on Monday, August 24, 2009 with registration/lunch beginning at 11:00 a.m. and a 12:00 p.m. shotgun start. The committee will soon convene to start planning for this event.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- **Tuesday, January 27** – January Membership Luncheon Meeting @ Community Bank of Raymore. Networking/Registration – 11:30 am. Lunch/Meeting – Noon. Speaker: Gene Turner – “Identity Theft Revealed”.
- **Thursday, January 29** – Ribbon Cutting for Cantrell Chiropractic, 310 S. Lincoln, at 11:30 am.
- **Friday, January 30** – Open House/Ribbon Cutting for New Imaging Center at Research Belton Hospital from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.
- **Thursday, February 5** – Ribbon Cutting for Great Clips @ 11:00 a.m.
- **Friday, February 13** – Monthly Morning hosted by Edward Jones-Phil Parke from 7:30-8:30 am.
- **Thursday, February 29** – Monthly Board Meeting @ Allen Bank & Trust, Noon.
- **Tuesday, February 24** – February Membership Dinner Meeting @ Foxwood Springs-Holmes Hall. Networking/Registration – 6:30 pm. Dinner/Meeting – 7:00 pm.

There was discussion regarding “After Hours” events for 2009. More information will be forthcoming on this.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Noe
Secretary