

**Raymore Chamber of Commerce
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2010**

The General Membership lunch meeting was held at Community Bank of Raymore on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. The meeting started at 11:30 am with networking until 12:05 pm at which time President Janelle Biernbaum called the meeting to order. Jason Matters from New Vision Church of the Nazarene gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome to members and guest: President Janelle Biernbaum welcomed Chamber members attending the meeting for their first time. With several present they were asked to introduce themselves and share their business association to the members.

A special thank you was extended to Community Bank of Raymore for providing a location for our meeting and Affordable Elegance for catering today's luncheon.

President Biernbaum asked that members review the Treasurer and Secretary's report that were available on the tables during lunch.

Following lunch, our President asked those in attendance if they had any changes to the reports. With none noted, they were accepted as presented.

Featured Businesses of the Month were recognized. November businesses recognized were Dogs Arf Us Pet Salon, Keller Williams Realty, and Prestige Home Builders, Inc. December businesses recognized were Joe's Town, McDonald's of Raymore, and the Raymore Historical Society. Our January businesses of the month also recognized were City of Raymore Snow Removal Crew, Culver's, and Farmers Insurance-Tom Circo Agency.

Office Updates:

Our 2009 Chamber Membership total was 178 members. To date for 2010, we have 115 new and/or renewed members. New members are Calvary Bible College, Dean's Trophies, Global Cuisine, Ben Williams, Michael J. Rumley, Stern Brothers & Company, Cassco Area Workshop, Inc., and TRACES Technology Group.

For the month of December, the Chamber mailed out 88 new resident packets and for January, the Chamber mailed out 66 new resident packets.

New Business:

President Biernbaum announced that the Raymore Chamber of Commerce will host an upcoming candidate forum for the Mayor and City Council candidates at 7:00 pm on March 24 in the Raymore City Hall Council Chambers.

President Biernbaum announced that this year the Raymore Day at the "K" will be on Sunday, April 25, 2010. More details will come as they become available.

Dr. Jeff Kyle, Superintendent of the Raymore-Peculiar School District announced the upcoming April 6 Tax Levy Issue.

Unfinished Business:

President Biernbaum announced that the net proceeds of the Annual Pumpkin Auction, to be used for 2010 scholarships, totaled \$5,259.00.

President Biernbaum announced that the final cash donation for the Mayor's Food Drive totaled \$3,776.93.

President Biernbaum then presented the Chambers 2009 year-end awards and gave a 2009 recap and 2010 forecast for the Raymore Chamber as the Program for the evening. All board members and committee chairs were presented plaques and committee members were recognized. In addition, Greg and Dee Dee Stokes, Affordable Elegance, were recognized as the 2009 Business of the Year and Tom Circo, Farmers Insurance Agency, was recognized as the 2009 Person of the Year.

Member Announcements:

Following the presentation of awards and program, President Biernbaum asked if there were any member announcements. Dr. Jeff Kyle, Superintendent of the Raymore-Peculiar School District reminded the members of the Polar Bear Plunge which he is participating in on Saturday, January 30th, at Longview Lake. Proceeds will go to the Special Olympics. He also shared the web site for pledges to sponsor his plunge.

Upcoming Events:

- **Wednesday, January 27, 2010** - Welcome Breakfast for Dr. Christine Rattin at Research Belton Hospital Community Room from 7:30-9:00 am.
- **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.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 23 at Community Bank of Raymore.
11:30 am – Networking. Noon – Meeting/Lunch.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Cherie Turney
Office Manager acting on behalf of Secretary Robin Noe