

**Raymore Chamber of Commerce
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2009**

The General Membership lunch meeting was held at Community Bank of Raymore on Tuesday, January 27, 2009. The meeting started at 11:30 AM with networking until 12:07 PM at which time President Mike Medsker 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 Mike Medsker 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 Medsker 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 recognized. December businesses recognized were Affordable Elegance-Dee Dee Stokes, Comcast, and UMB Bank-Steve Trader. Our January businesses of the month also recognized were Mary K. Mitchell, DDS, New Vision Church-Jason Matters, and Supracare.

New Business:

President Medsker announced that the final donation for the Mayor's Food Drive for December totaled \$2288.38.

Mike requested that members consider volunteering for various committees for the Chamber. Sign up sheets are located on the registration tables.

Unfinished Business:

None

Office Updates:

Our 2008 Chamber Membership total was 176 members. To date for 2009 we have 99 new and/or renewed members. New members today are SN Herbal Health Weight Loss & Skin Care; Hy-Vee, Inc., Cass County Government; Rector Construction; Ironstone Bank; Toshiba Business Solutions; and C&M Builders, Inc.

For the month of December the Chamber mailed out 47 new resident packets and for January 56.

Mike then introduced our guest speaker for the luncheon, Gene Turner, who did a presentation on "Identity Theft Revealed".

Following Mr. Turner's presentation President Medsker asked if there were any member announcements. Dr. Jeff Kyle, Supt. of Raymore Peculiar Schools reminded the members of the Polar Bear Plunge which he is participating in on Saturday, January 31st at Longview Lake. Proceeds will go to Special Olympics. He also shared the web site for pledges to sponsor his plunge.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Janelle Biernbaum
Vice President acting on behalf of Secretary Robin Noe