

**Raymore Chamber of Commerce  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2010**

The general membership luncheon was held at Community Bank of Raymore on Tuesday, July 27, 2010. The networking portion of the meeting started at 11:30 AM. At 12:05 pm, President Janelle Biernbaum called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. Jason Matters of New Vision Church of the Nazarene delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 74 in attendance.

**Welcome to members and guests:**

President Janelle Biernbaum welcomed Chamber members attending the meeting for the first time. Among the first time attendees were Jan Howard (Twisted Brisket), Leigh Kaylor (Sylvan Learning Center), Daniel Collier (New Vision Realty Investors), Angela Clifton (Hight Title Associates), Bryan Siebeneck (Yennie & Jones Insurance-Siebeneck Agency), Mark Miller (Corner Store), Rick Leathers (Matt Davidson-State Farm Agency), Chuck Stewart – manager, Chris Hendrick, Jim Hendricks & Lynda Roberts (Dairy Queen). They were all given an opportunity to stand, introduce themselves, and tell about their businesses.

A special thank you was extended to Dairy Queen for catering lunch and to Community Bank of Raymore for providing the meeting space.

Janelle then asked everyone to review, during lunch, the secretary and treasurer's reports that were on the tables.

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**

May 2010 business of the month Home Town Toner & Ink, represented by Kerrie O'Connor & Assistant Judy Wood, were in attendance and recognized since they were not available to attend the May meeting. The two Businesses of the Month for July 2010 were Heritage Chiropractic & Wellness Center – Dr. David Leonard and Rudroff Heating & Air Conditioning – Chuck Grantham (new owner) accepted the award. Each representative was given an opportunity to speak about his or her business.

**Office Updates:**

Currently the Chamber has 159 new or renewed members for 2010. New members include: Greenway Villas, Mark Miller, Reece & Nichols-Creekmoor, and Yennie & Jones Insurance-Siebeneck Agency. There were 60 new resident packets mailed out in July 2010.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Ballot for Secretary Vacancy:**

Ballots were handed out during check in for the vacant position for secretary. Barbara Long was the only name on the ballot & no write-ins were submitted. At the conclusion of the meeting, the ballots were counted & a unanimous vote was declared for Barbara Long to fill the position for the remaining term.

### **Raymore Map:**

Robin Noe informed Chamber Members the deadline has been extended to purchase & submit advertisement on the 2010-2012 full-color Raymore/Cass County maps. The businesses who participated in the 2007 map are being contacted to assure their continued desire to participate and to make any necessary changes. These maps are distributed out of local businesses. If you are a new business and would like to have your business included on the map, please contact Robin at the Chamber. There are several spaces available (\$249 single & \$399 double for 2 years).

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Raymore Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament**

August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Creekmoor – 12:00 shotgun start / lunch served & provided by Price Chopper. Openings for teams are still available & raffle prizes are needed.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

*Mike Shew, Full Employment Council, Missouri Career Center:*

Topic: Learn to Use “On the Job Training Dollars” with New Hires

Missouri’s Full Employment Council provides a full range of services to job seekers under one roof, from career counseling, training, resume development, job search assistance to comprehensive assessment, employment plans / placement and supportive services.

*Madalea Haskins, Missouri Dislocated Worker Program, Rapid Response Team:*

Ms. Haskins & her department help permanently laid-off Missouri workers to re-enter the workforce & is authorized by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. The Rapid Response Team is comprised of representatives of key local & state agencies that provide resources & services to assist businesses and laid-off workers. The Full Employment Council staff leads the Team.

Applications for the 2010 summer youth employment program were left for those interested and handouts were available giving more detailed information.

For more information visit [www.feckc.org](http://www.feckc.org) or call them at (816) 966-0289 (ext. 250)

### **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Foxwood Springs  
Wendy Brown from Foxwood Springs Living Center introduced their chef, Bill Cardinal, who recently was the recipient of the Ultimate Chef award. Brookdale owns 570 properties nationwide & these properties were divided into regions. Teams of three Chefs from each region competed to present special entrees for judging. Mr. Cardinal explained the process of the competition & Wendy hopes to someday have something like this locally.
- City of Raymore  
Economic Development Director, Gene Thompson, encouraged Chamber Members to attend tomorrow's Ribbon Cutting of the New interchange
- Tom Circo, Farmers Insurance Agency, introduced his grandson who is selling discount Football cards to help support the Raymore-Peculiar Football team. The cards are good for one year to local area restaurants.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- July 27 – Ribbon Cutting for the Raymore-Peculiar East Middle School at 4:30 pm.
- July 28 – Ribbon Cutting for North Cass Parkway
- August 12 – Cass County Coalition of Chamber Monthly Lunch Meeting hosted by the Raymore Chamber of Commerce at the Golf Club of Creekmoor beginning at 11:45 am.
- August 13 – Monthly Morning Coffee hosted by Community Bank of Raymore from 7:30-9:00 am.
- August 13 – UCM “Starting & Managing a Small Business in Missouri”, UCM, Dockery Building, Room 107, Warrensburg, MO from 8:00 – 5:00.
- August 17 – After Hours Event hosted by Heritage Chiropractic & Wellness Center, 103 S. Jefferson, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
- August 19 – Monthly Board Meeting at Country Club Bank Community Room at Noon
- August 23 – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Raymore Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament at The Golf Club at Creekmoor.
- September 17-18 – Annual Foxwood Springs Fall Festival
- September 23, 24 & 25, 2010 – Raymore Festival in the Park

### **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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Secretary, Raymore Chamber of Commerce