

Raymore Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2010

The Raymore Chamber of Commerce Board meeting was held on March 18, 2010 at the Country Club Bank Community Room in Raymore, Missouri. President Janelle Biernbaum called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM. Those attending were President Janelle Biernbaum, Past President Mike Medsker, Vice President Bryan Mallory, Treasurer Tom Circo, Secretary Robin Noe, Members-at-Large Brent Ewert, Dr. Jeff Kyle, Eric Berlin, Gene Thompson, Jason Matters, Wendy Brown, and administrative personnel Cherie Turney.

Board members were asked to review the secretary and treasurer's reports. A motion was made by Mike Medsker to accept the minutes of the February 18th board meeting as written. Jason Matters seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

The treasurer's report was presented and reported a positive cash balance, and as of February 28, 2010, the Chamber was running behind budget. A motion was made by Eric Berlin to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Mike Medsker seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Featured Businesses of the Month – Mike Medsker made a motion to nominate Country Club Bank as a Featured Business of the Month for April. Tom Circo seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Mike Medsker then nominated Foxwood Springs as the second business of the month for April. Tom Circo seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Dr. Jeff Kyle then nominated Mike Medsker and Diamond Residential as the third Featured Business of the Month for April. Bryan Mallory seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Committee Updates:

Audit - met and will be submitting a report to the Board.

Membership - Total members for 2009 was 178. We currently have 137 new and/or renewed members for 2010. There are 50 non-renewals to date. Wendy Brown, 2010 chair of the membership committee, met with the committee and gave a report of that meeting. The next scheduled membership committee meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

Raymore Night at the "K" – Committee has met and has set the ticket prices for this year's Raymore Day at the "K". This year's event is scheduled for Sunday,

April 25, 2010 with a 1:10 PM start time. The Eagle Glen and Bridle Ridge Intermediate 6th Grade School Choirs will perform the National Anthem. Metro South Fire Protection District will do the color guard. Any business that purchases twenty or more tickets will get their name listed on the Jumbotron. A raffle is being conducted to decide who will throw out the first pitch. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber office. During this time of ticket sales, the prospect of keeping extended office hours in the Chamber office was discussed. Bryan Mallory asked if Joe Rossini, our web master, could make it possible for people to purchase tickets on the Chamber's website. Cherie will check into that.

Scholarship – Cherie will contact Brian Niemeyer, Committee Chair, when she gets word from Sue Miller at Ray-Pec High School that the scholarship applications are ready for pickup. Cherie will then copy them and notify Brian, so that a scholarship committee can be scheduled to review the applications.

Raymore Festival in the Park – It was decided by a unanimous vote by the Board that the Chamber will once again have a booth this year. Chamber members that volunteer to staff the booth will also be given an opportunity to promote their business as well as the Chamber.

Membership Meetings – Speakers for the March membership meeting have been arranged. They will be Gary Mallory, Cass County Presiding Commissioner, and Joe Mullins from the University of Central Missouri. Possible future speakers are Mr. Simon from HR Solutions and Raymore's Chief of Police, Kris Turnbow.

Candidate Forum - The Chamber will host this event on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Raymore City Hall Council Chambers. A committee made up of Laurie Bassett, Alan Edmonds, Janelle Biernbaum, and Cherie Turney formulated the questions that will be posed to the candidates. Invitations have been sent out from the Chamber to City and Mayoral candidates as well as the committees that are for and against the school tax levy. Each candidate has been asked to write a one hundred-word bio. It is estimated that the forum will last approximately two hours. The hosting of this event by the Raymore Chamber of Commerce is done strictly as a service to the community to get voices heard by both the candidates and the public. By doing so, the Raymore Chamber is not, in any way, stating an allegiance to any political party, person, or cause.

Golf Tournament – is scheduled for August 24, 2010 at Creekmoor Golf Club. The committee will hold their first planning meeting in late April or early May.

Annual Joint Chamber Meeting – will be on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at the Belton High School Freshman Center Commons Area.

Fireworks Tent – No decision has been made yet as to whether the Chamber will sponsor this event again this year. The Board is still waiting for word from Dr. Jeff Kyle as to what groups within the Ray-Pec School District might be interested doing this as a fundraiser. Cherie sent a letter to Coach Kruse and the new cheerleader sponsor to see if they would be interested in doing a tent again this year.

Office Update – There were 60 new resident packets mailed out for the month of March 2010.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- **Tuesday, March 23** – Monthly Membership Luncheon Meeting at Community Bank of Raymore. 11:30 am – Networking. Noon – Lunch/Meeting.
- **Wednesday, March 24** – Mayor/City Council Candidate Forum at City of Raymore Council Chambers at 7:00 pm.
- **Wednesday, March 31** – Membership Committee Meeting, Community Bank of Raymore Community Room, at 9 am.
- **Thursday, April 8** – Cass County Coalition of Chamber Meeting hosted by the Belton Chamber of Commerce at 11:45 am.
- **Thursday, April 8** – Annual Joint Chamber Meeting hosted by the Belton Chamber of Commerce, Belton High School Freshman Center-Commons Area, 801 W. North Ave, 6:00 pm – Registration, Appetizers & Networking. 7:00 pm – Dinner/Meeting.
- **Friday, April 9** – Monthly Morning Coffee hosted by UMB Bank, 315 Dean Rd., from 7:30-8:30 am.
- **Thursday, April 22** – Monthly Board Meeting at Country Club Bank Community Room at noon.
- **Sunday, April 25** – Raymore Day at the “K”, Kansas City Royals vs. Minnesota Twins at 1:10 pm.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Noe
Secretary