

Raymore Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
March 19, 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 March 19, 2009. Board members in attendance were President Mike Medsker, Secretary Robin Noe, Treasurer Bryan Mallory, Members at Large Dr. Jeff Kyle, Drew Rohde and Brent Ewert. Raymore City representative Gene Thompson was also present. Administrative personnel present were Cherie Turney and Connie Hopkins. Not attending the meeting were Eric Berlin, Michael Wade, Vice President Janelle Biernbaum and Past President Shauna Stephenson. The President called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Mike Medsker asked the Board to review the Secretary and Treasurer's Reports that were included in each board member's packet. Dr. Jeff Kyle moved to accept the reports as presented. Brent Ewert seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Featured Businesses of the Month – Steven Cowen, Homebuilders Association; The Journal; and Michael Wade, State Farm Insurance Agency were chosen as April featured businesses of the month.

Membership – Total members for 2008 was 176. New/Renewed Membership for 2009 now stands at 138. 2008 Non-renewals are 55. New members include Grandview Christian School, Abby Road Farm, and Julia M. Boggs-Renaissance Financial.

Raymore Night at the "K" – the date has been set for Friday, April 24th. We were not granted permission to throw out the first pitch or to have our colorguard perform this year. However, the fifth grade choir from Eagle Glen Elementary will be performing the National Anthem. Flyers will be distributed at area businesses. The first committee planning session for this event will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Raymore Chamber office.

Scholarship – The application deadline for the Raymore Chamber of Commerce scholarships is set for March 31, 2009. After that date, Cherie Turney will pick up the applications from Susan Miller at Ray-Pec High School and copy them for the scholarship committee to review. A meeting will be set for the committee to convene.

By-Laws – No committee meeting has been set at this time. Cherie will put a notice on the Raymore Chamber Website that any members that want to submit suggestions for changes in

the by-laws should be made by April 1, 2009. These suggestions will be taken into consideration by the By-law committee when they meet.

Golf Tournament – The date has been set for August 24, 2009 at Creekmoor Golf Course. Sponsorship levels are the same as for Belton’s Golf Tournament, which will be held at Eagle’s Landing. Our greens fees are \$100 versus theirs at \$125. Bryan Mallory and Mike Noe will convene the committee to start planning for this event.

New Business – We have been approached by Aaron’s Family Fun Center to do a Corporate Challenge to possibly take the place of one month’s After-Hours event. The fee to participate would be \$20-\$25 per person and there would be six on a team. Brent Ewert made the suggestion that we have a contest between the Raymore and Belton Chambers of Commerce.

Graduation Ad in The Journal – In the past, the Raymore Chamber of Commerce has purchased an ad in The Journal to congratulate Ray-Pec Seniors. We will do this again to congratulate the 2009 graduating seniors. Since this is a budgeted item, there is no need to put this to a vote by the Board.

A thank you card was received from Susan Miller, scholarship counselor, in recognition of the Raymore Chamber of Commerce’s continued support of the Ray-Pec High School students and for the money contributed in 2009 to send a candidate to Girls’ State and Boys’ State.

Office Updates – Cherie and Connie are still working with Joe Rossini to get the website online. Even though it has been a long process, they are hopeful that it will be completed soon.

59 Resident Packets were mailed in February, 2009.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Tuesday, March 24 – March membership Luncheon Meeting at Community Bank of Raymore. Networking/Registration – 11:30 a.m. Lunch/Meeting-Noon.

Friday, April 10 – Monthly Morning Coffee Hosted by Research Belton Hospital, 17065 S. 71 Highway, Belton, from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 14 – Joint Chamber Meeting at Peculiar Lion’s Club, 500 Schug Avenue, Peculiar. Social Hour/Registration – 6:00 p.m. Dinner/Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Speakers Art Ruiz-Belton, Brad Ratliff-Peculiar, Gene Thompson-Raymore and Guest Speaker-Michael Thompson.

Thursday, April 23 – Monthly Board Meeting at Allen Bank & Trust Company Community Room at Noon

Friday, April 24 – Raymore Night at the “K”. KC Royals vs. Detroit Tigers, 7:10 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28 – “Spring After Hours” hosted by Foxwood Springs, Bromwell Lounge from 5-7:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Noe, Secretary