



Raymore Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting / Luncheon March 22, 2011

- Networking began at 11:30 / Lunch at 12:00
- Location: Community Bank of Raymore, Raymore, MO
- Welcome: President Bryan Mallory
- Pledge of Allegiance: Barbara Long
- Invocation: Jason Matters
- Lunch catered by Hy-Vee
- Attendance: 65
- Secretary's Report & Treasurer's Report for February 2011 were reviewed. Stands approved, as presented

First-time attendees were invited to stand and introduce themselves: None present.

Business of the Month:

President Mallory introduced Jason Matters, a member of the Membership Committee. Mr. Matters informed everyone the current status of 137 new/renewed members. The committee members are making phone calls and visits to those who have not renewed yet. He encouraged us to help reach last year's membership goal of 167 members. Next, Mr. Matters announced the March "Featured Business of the Month": Dana Seitter and Gene Thompson, City of Raymore Economic Development Department were the recipients. Besides organizing our ribbon cuttings, their department works to attract new businesses and introduces them to our community with the help of the Mayor's Economic Development Host Team. Mr. Thompson thanked the Chamber for this award on behalf of Ms. Seitter and himself.

Old Business:

- Raymore Day at the "K" is scheduled for May 1st with the game beginning at 1:10 pm. Tickets will be available to purchase from the Chamber office soon.

Program:

- Our scheduled speaker (Corey McDonald – Renewable Energy) was unable to attend at the last minute. He will be rescheduled at a later date. Instead, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Hopkins of the program committee, skillfully improvised today's meeting by allowing our members to stand and talk about their businesses. 10 Chamber members addressed the meeting as follows:
 1. Matt Hocker – American Family Insurance: building he is currently located in at this time is being sold and his office will be moving to 8417 Clint Drive, effective April 1st. On June 13th they will sponsor a golf tournament to benefit Hope Haven and Shelter Box which helps disaster needs.
 2. Mary Lacy with the South Metro Fire Protection District talked about Relay for Life and the 1st Annual Mayor's Golf Tournament. Proceeds of the tournament will go towards Relay for Life. They will also be selling trash bags for \$10.
 3. Ruth Johnson – a candidate in the upcoming election for the Raymore-Peculiar School Board. She has served on the budget sub-committee and is looking forward to the challenges of sustaining the excellence of education in the Ray-Pec School District without increasing taxes.
 4. Ed Fleetwood introduced a gentleman he brought to today's chamber luncheon who works at Conlin-Fayman Buick in Harrisonville. Mr. Fleetwood said he was taken care of very efficiently at the dealership.

5. Janelle Biernbaum announced the appointment of Dr. Spencer Kirk, General Surgeon to Belton Research Hospital. The hospital has planned 2 community events: 1. Free Women's Education Seminar 2. April 6 will be a free Community Cancer Screening from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
6. Kerrie O'Connor with Hometown Toner & Ink informed us that they collect empty ink cartridges and sell them to vendors and other people in the industry. The money from the sale of these cartridges is donated to local non-profit organizations, such as Project Grad, H.E.L.P. Animal Shelter, Hope Haven, and Boy Scouts Pack 32. Just let Kerrie know if you have some empty cartridges and she'll come by and pick them up.
7. Mary Wilson is the Manager of The Journal. There is a new staff at The Journal including Advertising and Sports Editor. Ms. Wilson's goal is to someday purchase the paper from the current owner.
8. LynnDa Roberts with Dairy Queen is excited to announce that area Dairy Queens will be throwing a Birthday Party for Relay for Life. More to come on the details for each location.
9. Matt Davison – State Farm Insurance is involved with the University of Missouri's internship program. If anyone is interested in applying for an intern, you can contact MU for details. Matt briefly stated that there must be a minimum of 80 hours per and can be paid or unpaid.
10. Calvary Bible College Jeff Campa, says they will be going through a campus transition with the acquisition of property given to them. This will allow the campus to expand and give them more flexibility. Their 10th Annual Golf Tournament will be coming up soon.
11. FYI: Robin Noe wanted to alert everyone with a "smartphone" that pictures taken and sent out to Facebook can be traced through the GPS locator. Authorities are instructing everyone to turn off the camera's gps locator before sending pictures from the phones.

Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, March 29** – Candidate Forum at Raymore City Hall, 7:00 pm.
- **Wednesday, April 6** - Mayor's Annual Economic Development Breakfast at Foxwood Springs-Holmes Hall, 8:00 am.
- **Friday, April 8** – Monthly Morning Coffee hosted by UMB Bank, 315 Dean Ave, Raymore, from 7:30-9:00 am.
- **Wednesday, April 13** – Membership Committee Meeting at the Raymore Chamber of Commerce office, 11:00 am.
- **Thursday, April 14** – Cass County Coalition of Chambers Meeting hosted by the Peculiar Chamber of Commerce, 11:45 am. *Location to be announced.*
- **Thursday, April 21** – Monthly Board Meeting at Country Club Bank Community Room at noon.
- **Tuesday, April 26** – Annual Joint Chamber Meeting at Foxwood Springs-Holmes Hall. 11:30 am Networking/Registration Noon – Meeting/Lunch.
- **Monday, May 9** – Mayor's Relay for Life Golf Tournament @ Creekmoor.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 26 – Annual Joint Chamber Meeting at Foxwood Springs – Holmes Hall. 11:30 am – Networking / Registration. Noon – Meeting / Lunch

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned