

**Raymore Chamber of Commerce
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2010**

The general membership luncheon was held at Community Bank of Raymore on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. The networking portion of the meeting started at 11:30 AM. At 12:04 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.

Welcome to members and guests:

President, Janelle Biernbaum, welcomed Chamber members attending the meeting for the first time. Among the first time attendees were representatives from the University of Central Missouri, Fletcher's Forms, Toshiba, KCP&L, Wal-Mart, Casco Area Workshops, Patty Johnson-Attorney, and Merry Maids of Cass County. They were all given an opportunity to stand, introduce themselves, and tell about their businesses.

Business Card Exchange:

President Biernbaum announced that the next five minutes would be spent in a business card exchange, where those present were given an opportunity to exchange business cards with others at their table.

A special thank you was extended to Applebee's 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 were recognized. They were New Vision Church of the Nazarene represented by Jason Matters, Wal-Mart represented by Dan Steele and Community Bank of Raymore represented by Jack Hopkins. Each representative was given an opportunity to speak about his or her business.

Office Updates:

Currently the Chamber has 138 new or renewed members for 2010. New members include: The Pit Grill & Bar and SERC Physical & Hand Therapy of Cass County, LLC. There were 60 new resident packets mailed out in March 2010.

New Business:

The Raymore Chamber of Commerce will hold a Candidate Forum at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at Raymore City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Raymore Day at the “K” will be on Sunday, April 25, 2010 with first pitch at 1:10 PM. The 6th grade choirs from Eagle Glen Intermediate School and Bridle Ridge Intermediate School will sing the National Anthem. Raffle tickets will be sold to determine who will throw out the first pitch. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber office.

Raymore Festival in the Park will be on September 23, 24 & 25, 2010.

Guest Speakers:

Gary Mallory, Cass County Presiding Commissioner, gave an update on the “Progress of Cass County.

Joe Mullins from the University of Central Missouri’s Institute for Small Business Development spoke about “Small Business Assistance.” He told about how the department can assist small businesses by helping them design strategies and writing business plans as well as assisting with patenting procedures. Scott Boyce, also from UCM, accompanied Joe Mullins. Scott can be consulted about training opportunities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Upcoming Events:

- **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.