

**Raymore Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2009**

The Executive Board luncheon meeting for the Raymore Chamber of Commerce was held in the Allen Bank and Trust Company Community Room in Raymore, Missouri on May 21, 2009. Board members in attendance were President Mike Medsker, Vice President Janelle Biernbaum, Secretary Robin Noe, Members-at-Large Drew Rohde, Raymore-Peculiar School District Representative Dr. Jeff Kyle, and Administrative personnel Cherie Turney and Connie Hopkins. Not attending the meeting were Past President Shauna Stephenson, Treasurer Bryan Mallory, Members-at-Large Brent Ewert, Jason Matters, Eric Berlin, and Gene Thompson. The President called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

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 Secretary and Treasurer's report as presented, and Vice President Janelle Biernbaum seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Featured Business of the Month –Sylvan Learning Center, Foxwood Springs, and Beal, Blakeman & Smither, CPA's were selected as June businesses of the month.

Membership – Total membership for 2009 currently stands at 156. 44 businesses have not renewed from 2008. New members are Taste of China, Freedom Stop, and American Family Insurance-Matt Hocker agency.

By-Laws – Janelle Biernbaum, Committee Chair, reported that the committee had met and any proposed changes were printed in red on the copy of the by-laws included in each board member's packet. There are no more meetings scheduled as they felt they had done a thorough job in reviewing the current by-laws and making recommendations for changes. The by-laws with recommended changes will be reviewed by the board members and discussed at the next scheduled board meeting on June 18, 2009. The by-laws will then be presented to the General Membership at the July meeting to be voted on at the September General Membership Meeting.

Scholarship – The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Robin Noe, met and selected three (3) students from the Raymore-Peculiar School District to receive scholarship awards for 2009. Vice-President Janelle Biernbaum attended the Seniors Awards Night on May 13, 2009 and presented the certificates and the plaque, which has been updated with their names. The recipients and their parents have been invited to attend the Raymore Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon on Tuesday, May 26th at Community Bank of Raymore. Brian Niemeyer will be the Chair of the Scholarship Committee for 2010 with Robin Noe as Co-Chair. A thank you note was received from Hillary Desneux, a 2009 scholarship recipient.

Golf Tournament – The Golf Tournament Committee met last week for the first planning session of 2009. They have planned a blitz for June 4th. The first Ruby Level Sponsorship has been received from Cass Medical Center.

Progressive Dinner – is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2009. Foxwood Springs will host Appetizers, Community Bank of Raymore will host the Main Course, and The Rehabilitation Center of Raymore will host Dessert. We are currently looking for someone to host the Salad Course.

Fireworks Stand – Winco has contracted with Cosentino’s Price Chopper to sell fireworks from their Raymore location. The Raymore Chamber will sponsor the stand, to be staffed by the 2009-2010 Raymore-Peculiar Cheerleading Squad under the supervision of their parents. Arrangements are ongoing to accomplish this.

President Mike Medsker announced that the Cass County Jobs Club, an organization that matches job opportunities with job seekers, had asked to be a speaker at an upcoming Chamber meeting. Dr. Drew Rohde mentioned that they had given a brief overview during the member announcement portion of the Belton Chamber of Commerce membership meeting. Mike Medsker will invite them to attend the July membership luncheon meeting, advising them that they may take a few minutes during the “first time attendees” or “member announcements” portion of that meeting.

Office Updates – the link for the Chamber website is on and Joe Rossini says that we are ready to go live. Cherie and Connie have given Joe a list with numerous changes/corrections to be made. Cherie and Connie asked that everyone take a few minutes, go online and look over the website, and provide any feedback they may have. Joe has stated that most of the remaining issues are database related, and his programmers are working on them.

Old Business - Thank You Cards were received from Mrs. Gibson and her students of the Eagle Glen sixth grade choir for the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at Raymore Night at the “K” on April 24th. They did a wonderful job and represented Raymore well. The cards show their appreciation to the Raymore Chamber of Commerce for arranging this opportunity for them.

Upcoming Chamber Events – The Monthly Membership Luncheon Meeting will be held at Community Bank of Raymore on May 26th, the Annual Mayor’s Economic Development Breakfast at Foxwood Springs will be held on Friday, May 29th, the Monthly Morning Coffee hosted by Sit Means Sit will be held at the Raymore Chamber Office on Friday, June 12th, the Monthly Chamber Board Meeting will be held at Allen Bank & Trust’s Community Room on Thursday, June 18th, and the Chamber Progressive Dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Noe, Secretary