

Raymore Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2009

The Executive Board luncheon meeting for the Raymore Chamber of Commerce was held on September 17, 2009 at Allen Bank and Trust Company's community room in Raymore, Missouri. Board members present were President Mike Medsker, Past President Shauna Stephenson, Vice President Janelle Biernbaum, Treasurer Bryan Mallory, Secretary Robin Noe, members at large Dr. Jeff Kyle, Brent Ewert, Jason Matters, Gene Thompson, Mayor Juan Alonzo and staff member, Cherie Turney. Not attending the meeting was member at large Eric Berlin.

President Medsker called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. He asked that the Board review the Secretary and Treasurer's reports that were included in each board member's packet. Brent Ewert moved to approve the reports as presented; Dr. Jeff Kyle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Featured Businesses of the Month: Lumax Power Equipment, April's Office Works, and Bristol Manor of Raymore.

Committee Updates:

Membership – We currently have 174 new and/or renewed members. New members include Country Financial, Raymore Elementary PTA, and Silver Lake Dentistry.

Golf Tournament – Bryan Mallory, co-chair for the event announced that net income for this year's golf tournament was slightly down from last year. Given the current economic climate, it was the opinion of the board that this resulted in a successful event. The date for next year's tournament has been scheduled for Monday, August 23, 2010. Creekmoor committed to holding current pricing.

Pumpkin Auction – The date for this event is set for Tuesday, October 27, 2009. 5:30 p.m. Registration/Networking; 6:00 p.m. Dinner/Auction.

Mayor's Food Drive – Shauna Stephenson said that she would chair the event again this year. Cherie said that the pastor at Beacon of Hope Church has committed to helping again as well as Bryan Mallory. Cherie stated that the schools collect a vast quantity of food and when they call, pickups need to be made promptly that day.

Craft Fair – Cherie and Connie have mailed out the booth applications. Currently, 23 booths have been rented. We typically rent approximately 50 booths.

Office Updates:

70 new resident packets were mailed out in September. Gene Thompson requested that the residents at The Manor Homes of Eagle Glen receive the new resident packets also. Cherie said that the Chamber office staff will furnish the packets to The Manor Homes of Eagle Glen for their distribution.

New Business:

Board Vacancy - Drew Rhode is moving and has resigned his member-at-large position. Since it is so late in the year, and with the 2010 election coming up next month, his position will not be filled for the remainder of 2009.

Bylaws – The by-laws, with proposed changes from the by-laws committee and approved by the Board, will be voted on for approval by the membership at the September Membership Meeting.

Slate of Officers for 2010 – The slate of officers was presented to the board for approval before submitting it to the general membership at the September 22nd meeting. The nominations are Janelle Biernbaum for President, Bryan Mallory for Vice President, Robin Noe for Secretary, and Tom Circo for Treasurer. Nominations for Board Member-at-Large include Wendy Lemos-Brown, Larry Janacaro, and Nathan Soulis. There is one member-at-large position to be filled this year. Next year there will be two member-at-large positions to fill. Jason Matters moved to accept the slate of officers and Brent Ewert seconded. The motion passed.

Membership Dues – It has been proposed that membership dues be raised for 2010. Comparison data from area Chambers was submitted to the Board to substantiate the proposal. This will be submitted to the General Membership for approval at the September 22nd meeting.

Raymore Festival in the Park – The Raymore Chamber will have a booth again this year. Mike Medsker stated that volunteers are needed to set up the tent, staff it for the duration of the festival, and to take down the tent during the last shift on Saturday evening. Brent Ewert said that he will be available to help. Contact the Chamber office to volunteer.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

September 18-19 – Foxwood Springs 28th Annual Fall Festival

September 22 – Monthly Membership Luncheon Meeting at Community Bank of Raymore. Registration/Networking 11:30 am. Meeting/Lunch at Noon.

October 1 – Ribbon-cutting at Monster Halloween Store, 2019 W. Foxwood Dr., 11:30 am.

Ribbon cutting at Harmony Smiles Orthodontics, Lavid Family Dentistry & Harmony Smiles Whitening Ctr., 613 W. Conway, 1:00 pm.

Ray-Pec Medical Group Grand Opening Ribbon-cutting/Welcome for Dr. Jennifer Carpenter, 507 Granite, Peculiar, 2-4:00 pm.

October 1-3 – Raymore Festival in the Park.

October 9 - Monthly Morning Coffee hosted by Noe's Jewelry, 2017 W. Foxwood Drive, 7:30-8:30 am.

October 10 – Culver's VIP Event (Chamber Board Members Only), 1621 W. Foxwood Dr., 10 am

October 12 – Chamber Office Closed for Columbus Day

Ribbon cutting for Culvers, 1621 W. Foxwood Dr., 4:00 pm

October 22 – Ribbon-cutting for Creative Growth & Healing, 406-0 Pine Street, 11:30am

Monthly Board Meeting at Allent Bank & Trust, Noon

October 27 – Annual Pumpkin Auction at Foxwood Springs-Holmes Hall,
Networking/Registration 5:30 pm – Dinner/Auction 6:00 pm.

November 5 – 5th Annual MEGA Chamber Office Party, St. Joseph Medical Center – Medical Mall, 1000 Carondolet Dr., KCMO, 5-7:00 pm.

November 17 – Holiday Dinner

November 21 – Annual Raymore Chamber of Commerce Craft Fair at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, 9 am-4 pm.

November 23 – Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

There being no additional business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Noe - Secretary