

**Raymore Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting
September 23, 2010**

The Raymore Chamber of Commerce Board meeting was held on Thursday, September 23, 2010, at the Country Club Bank Community Room in Raymore, Missouri. President Janelle Biernbaum called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Those attending were President Janelle Biernbaum, Past President Mike Medsker, Vice President Bryan Mallory, Treasurer Tom Circo, Secretary Barbara Long, Members-at-Large Brent Ewert, Eric Berlin, and Gene Thompson and administrative personnel, Cherie Turney & Robin Noe. Absent from this meeting were Members-At-Large: Wendy Brown, Jeff Kyle & Jason Matters.

Approval of minutes and Reports:

Minutes from the August 19, 2010 Raymore Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting were reviewed. Next the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report showing year-to-date figures, the Financial Report and the Statement of Accounts was reviewed. Cherie Turney commented that the Chamber will not need to use reserves this year. The budget is in good shape for the events planned. A motion to approve the above mentioned reports & minutes was made by Mike Medsker, seconded by Gene Thompson and unanimously approve.

Featured Businesses of the Month:

It was decided that there will only be one Business of the month for October. Mike Medsker nominated Raymore Festival in the Park and Tom Circo second. It was approved by unanimous vote.

Committee Updates:

Membership – 2010 New/Renewed Members = 162 (No New Members since last meeting)

- House of Heavilyln will be opening sometime soon.

Golf Tournament – Next year's tournament has been scheduled for August 22nd @ Creekmoor. The net income from this event has not been determined at this time since there are still debits & credits to be calculated. It was the most profitable year to date.

Pumpkin Auction – October 26, 2010 @ Holmes Hall beginning at 5:30 pm. Everything will be catered by Foxwood Springs. The goal this year is \$5,000 which is for the Ray-Pec Scholarship fund. All the schools in the district will contribute a pumpkin to the auction. Foxwood Springs has encouraged residence to participate in a competition within the facility. Local businesses and individuals will also participate.

Craft Fair – Money collected from this event goes to the Mayor's Food Drive. Cherie has received 18 booth registrations at this time.

New Business:

Heart & Hand contacted Cherie & Mike Medsker about collecting food for the needy. The board decided since we already do this for the Mayor's food drive it would be a conflict of interest to support this event.

2011 Board of Directors Nominating Committee – Members consist of: Bryan Mallory, Janelle Biernbaum, Dee Dee Stokes, Phil Parke, and Gene Thompson. Their first meeting to construct the 2011 Board was held at Country Club Bank, September 8th at noon. Nominees were contacted. Brent Ewert was not contacted and would like to have his name on the ballot to serve as Board Member (2-year term candidate). Mike Medsker made a motion to add Mr. Ewert's name to the 2011 Raymore Chamber of Commerce election ballot for Officer's & Board

Members. It was seconded by Tom Circo. A unanimous vote was given with Janelle Biernbaum sub staining.

Mike Medsker made a motion to accept the revised ballot and Brent Ewert seconded. The slate of officers will be revised before being submitted to the general membership. All were in favor of submitting the new ballot.

Office Updates:

81 new resident packets were mailed out for the month of September, 2010.

Old Business:

- Maps – coming along with more ad spaces being filled.
- Mega Chamber Office Party (will be discussed at the October Board Meeting)
- Chamber booth at the Festival. Starts tonight, September 23rd, & all slots are filled.

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Meeting dates:

The regularly scheduled board meeting and general membership meetings are scheduled for November 18th & 23rd respectively. The Board discussed eliminating or changing the meeting dates because of the holidays. A motion was presented by Mike Medsker to keep the Board Meeting (November 18, 2010) and move the General Membership Meeting to the first week of December & having a “Social Hour / Holiday Event” at a local restaurant. A second was given by Gene Thompson & it was approved by unanimous vote. 2009’s Holiday Event was at Frankie & Johnny’s. The Pit was suggested for 2010. The location will be determined at the next Board Meeting.

Morning Coffee & After Hours Events dates:

Mike Medsker suggested that we partner with Belton Chamber when planning our Monthly Morning Coffees & After Hours Events. It appears that Belton frequently changes the dates of their coffees & after hour events causing a conflict with Raymore’s. We have several members who belong to both chambers.

Mike suggests beginning in January to have Raymore’s Morning Coffee & that month Belton would host the After Hour’s event. February, Belton would host the Morning Coffee and Raymore would host the After Hours Event. There was some discussion & it was agreed that this topic will be put on the Agenda for the Annual Board Retreat (date to be determined).

Upcoming Events:

- September 23 – Monthly Board Meeting at Country Club Bank/Noon.
- September 23-25 – Raymore Festival in the Park (Memorial Park)
- September 24 – Morning Coffee hosted by Bristol Manor, 604 E. Sunrise, from 8 am to 9 am.
- September 28 – Monthly Membership Meeting at Community Bank of Raymore.
- September 30 – Ribbon Cutting for Dr. David M. Smith & Raymore Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, 909 W. Foxwood Drive, Bank Midwest Plaza at 11:30 am.
- October 4 – Pretty in Pink – Ladies Night Out hosted by Research Belton Hospital (High Blue Wellness Center) from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- October 8 – Monthly morning coffee hosted by Calvary Bible College, 15800 Calvary Rd, Belton, from 7:30 – 9:00 am.

- October 14 – Cass County Coalition of Chambers Lunch Meeting hosted by the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce at 11:45 am.
- October 21 – Monthly Board Meeting at Country Club Bank Community Room at Noon.
- October 25 – Dr. Kyle on FSTV at 8:45 am to promote Pumpkin Auction.
- October 26 – Annual Pumpkin Auction, Foxwood Springs – Holmes Hall. 5:30 pm – Registration / Networking. 6:00 pm – Dinner followed by the pumpkin auction.

Thank you letters received:

US Department of Census Bureau – letter of recognition.

Thank you from Community Bank of Raymore & Peculiar for helping in the *2010 Stuff the Bus Campaign*.

Thank you note from Nicholas Bravo – scholarship recipient.

Executive Session Request:

Next, Tom Circo asked permission for the Board to go into Executive Session. Mike Medsker seconded the request and it was approved by unanimous vote.

At this time Cherie Turney and Robin Noe left the meeting room.

After discussion it was agreed that the presence of Raymore Chamber part-time Administrative Assistant, Robin Noe, would be better utilized by being in the office during these meetings to answer phones and or assist members rather than attending the Board Meetings.

A motion was made by Mike Medsker, second by Brent Ewert and unanimous vote by all. President Biernbaum will discuss this decision with Office Manager Cherie Turney & resolve the matter before next Board Meeting.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Medsker, second by Brent Ewert & carried with unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Long

Raymore Chamber of Commerce Secretary