

Raymore Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting September 28, 2010

The Raymore Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at the Community Bank of Raymore in Raymore, Missouri.

President Janelle Biernbaum called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. The invocation was given by Dr. James Clark from Calvary Bible College which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Janelle then welcomed all new members and first-time attendees by asking them to stand and introduce themselves. Those attending for the first time were: Cindy McLaughlin – Ambassador Travel, John Baker – Sonic Drive-In, Ed Rathburn – Lowe's, Kurt Lauvstad – Country View Florists, LLC, Jeffrey Williams – Heritage Benefit Consultants, Jim Eftink – Van Hooser & Eftink, P.C., Jeffrey Harter – Advanced Eye Care South, Erin Franklin – Franklin & Company, P.C., and Steve Meyers – Raymore-Peculiar School District.

Janelle then thanked Affordable Elegance for catering the lunch and Community Bank of Raymore for providing the meeting space.

At this time, she asked that everyone review the secretary and treasurer's reports that are on the table while eating lunch.

After lunch was served, Janelle asked if there were any changes or corrections to the secretary's report or the treasurer's reports. No corrections or changes were necessary; therefore the reports were accepted as presented.

Featured Businesses of the Month for August: Rehabilitation Center of Raymore – Judy Voysey and Community Financial Services – Brent Ewert.

Featured Businesses of the month for September: Keller Williams – Beth Franklin and Sonic Drive-In in Raymore – Steve Drummond & John Baker.

New Business: Janelle Biernbaum then presented the slate of nominees for the 2010 Board of Directors. Janelle also asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, the slate of officers was accepted and will be voted on at the November, 2010 membership meeting.

Janelle then announced the upcoming 6th Annual Mega Chamber Office Party scheduled for Thursday, November 4th at the Armacost Car Museum, 4200 E. 135th Street in Grandview, Missouri, and the Annual Pumpkin Auction which will be held at Foxwood Springs – Holmes Hall on Tuesday, October 26.

Unfinished Business: Janelle acknowledged the success again this year of the Raymore Chamber Golf Tournament that was held on August 23, 2010 at Creekmoor Golf Club. She also thanked Mike Medsker for his work in organizing the staffing of the Chamber tent at this year's Raymore Festival in the Park. Janelle also made the announcement about the full-color map project that is going on now and encouraged member businesses that have not yet purchased an ad to do so.

Office Updates:

2010 New/Renewed Members: 162
75 New Resident Packets mailed in August
81 New Resident Packets mailed in September

The guest speaker for today was Tim Cowden, Senior Vice President of Business Development for the Kansas City Area Development Council. He gave an update on the progress and negotiations that are ongoing to bring new industry to the Kansas City area, which will serve to support local economy and provide growth opportunities for local businesses that are already here.

There being no further business to be brought before the membership, the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Events:

- **Thursday, September 30** – Ribbon Cutting for Dr. David M. Smith & Raymore Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, 909 W Foxwood Drive, Bank Midwest Plaza, at 11:30 am.
- **Monday, 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.
- **Friday, October 8** – Monthly Morning Coffee hosted by Calvary Bible College, 15800 Calvary Road, Belton, from 7:30-9:00 am.
- **Thursday, October 14** – Cass County Coalition of Chamber Lunch Meeting hosted by the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce at 11:45 am.
- **Thursday, October 21** – Monthly Board Meeting at Country Club Bank Community Room at Noon.
- **Tuesday, October 26** – Annual Pumpkin Auction, Foxwood Springs-Holmes Hall. 5:30 pm – Registration/Networking. 6:00 pm – Dinner followed by the Pumpkin Auction.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Noe