

## **Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes**

**December 3, 2008**

**Cut Bank Development Center 3 Noon**

**Directors in Attendance:** LeAnne Kavanagh, Jeff Billman, Mike Bruch, James Laidlaw, Gloria Taylor, Scott Laird ; **Executive Director:** Amy Overstreet.

**Directors Excused:** Noel Durham, Stephanie Browning, Bob Clary.

**Guests Attending:** Robert Carette.

The meeting was called to order by President LeAnne Kavanagh at 12:09 p.m

The minutes from the November 5, 2008 meeting were presented for approval. Jeff Billman moved to approve the minutes as presented and Mike Bruch seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The monthly financial report was given by Treasurer Scott Laird. Mike Bruch moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Gloria Taylor seconded the motion. Being no further discussion the report was accepted unanimously.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Amy informed the Chamber thirteen reserved tables have been pre-sold for the Festival of Trees and Keys and there are only a few tickets left to sell. The money needed to pay the Chicago Dueling Piano musicians was sponsored by several businesses of the community: Cut Bank Pioneer Press, Edward Jones, Billman's Inc., Stockman Oil, North-Western Energy, Bars on Wheels (BJ's Casino & The Den), Glacier Electric, Cut Bank Tire, Northern Ford, Northern Chrysler, Fine Wine on Main, Stockman Bank, KeeSun Corp., Bell Motor Co., Rude Sheet Metal, Ranck Oil Co./Commercial Energy of Montana, Frontline Ag, Mountain View Energy, Bank of Glacier County, Dye, Tavary & Judge, Lynne Brown Studio and Compton Signatures.

The NRMC Hospital Auxiliary is taking care of the hors d'oeuvres. Auxiliary members, chamber directors, Albertsons, McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Norman's Sport & Western, Billman's, Inc., Edward Jones, and Glacier Community Health Clinic have offered to donate food. Joe Gauthier will be the Reserve Officer on duty. James Laidlaw will bring a hand stamp to be used for the people who have purchased tickets for the event due to the racquetball tournament going on. Due to the 100 chairs missing from the Civic Center, Cut Bank Public Schools will make available chairs needed for the event. The Close-Up students and their parents will help set up tables and chairs as well as do the cleanup on Friday after the event. Setup is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Thursday. All directors are asked to help. The tables will be covered with red plastic covering.

Seventy-nine membership forms have been returned with nine new members. The Chamber memberships stickers were passed out to each director to be delivered.

No news on the Visitor's Center break-in. Anne Thompson is working on the CTEP grant. Amy will call Dennis Seglem asking him to remove the items he has in the at the Visitor's Center per his request. Rich Gannon of Front Range Web will help Amy get the Website updated.

### **Old Business:**

All in all, the Festival of Lights parade and festivities went well as reported by Amy. There was some confusion as to who was responsible for paying the bill for the so-

cial at the Civic Center. The Business Appreciation Days Committee has taken care of this expense in the past. Jeff suggested the Chamber take over the social in the future. LeAnne, Amy and Jeff will meet with Business Appreciation Days representatives on this matter. It was also suggested the City of Cut Bank could be of more help with this special event.

### **New Business:**

Mike Bruch announced the results from the election for the 2009 directors who will serve a three-year term. They are as follows: Jeff Billman, Steve Bucher, Tippy Burtch, Robert Carette, and Josh Larson. Gloria Taylor moved to accept the new elected slate of directors and Scott Laidlaw seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed. The new officers and directors will be introduced at the next meeting, January 7, 2009.

LeAnne regretfully announced Tamara Hall would not be the featured speaker at 2009 banquet as she does not do back-to-back appearances. We are to check with her in 2010 for another appearance from her. Efforts are being made to locate Larry Krystowiak as a possible speaker. There was also a suggestion to have a couple candidates from Missed Cut Bank Pageant to entertain the crowd during the program.

### **Comments**

Mike Koepke of the Cut Bank Development Corporation is attending a workforce meeting in Shelby but left this report. The Horizon Action Forum will be held Monday, December 8, 2008. It will start at 6 p.m. at the Joe Meagher Civic Center. Dinner will be served and cash prizes will be given out. The community is invited. Local vet Gary Cassel has moved. There is a chance that someone may takeover his business but the would not happen until May 2009. The Grocery Store Steering Committee is hoping to meet with Don Burlingain, the owner of the Glacier Motel, sometime before Christmas. When Don is in town, they will discuss what his vision for the motel is and how a grocery store could fit in. Mike is hoping the committee will be able to make a decision soon.

Wading Pool Fund was at \$17, 562.00.

Gloria Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Scott Laidlaw at 12:56.