

Mineral County Chamber of Commerce minutes, December 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m.  
102 River St., Superior, MT

Present: Anita Bailey, Sue McLees, Mike Wood, Robert Lyons, Dixie Hendershot, Mary Jo Berry, George Bailey, Guy Gould, Guna Chaberek, Danna Williams

1. Minutes were read and approved (Mary Jo moved – Sue seconded)
2. Treasurer's report: checking - \$1429.82 savings - \$534.45  
Guy went through all the checks written for November and presented bills for December. Treasurer's report and bills approved (Mike moved – Mary Jo seconded). George added that the Chamber office will be getting a phone and that the Windfall call center bill will be dropped.
3. Program – Guna Chaberek (Mineral County Librarian at Superior) & Danna Williams (Mineral County Librarian at Alberton)

There are 3 branches of the Mineral County Library: Superior, Alberton, & St. Regis, with Superior being the main library. The St. Regis branch merged with the St. Regis school library and is open Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Superior branch is part of the Montana shared catalog and is partnered with 23 other libraries and branches across the state. Its services include 4 computers, wireless internet, books, DVD's, audio CD's. Information can be obtained through the library website. There is 24/7 reference help from "ask Montana librarian". Library hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 11:45 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The inventory at the Alberton branch is not yet computerized. Its services include 4 computers for public use, a summer reading program put on by Friends of the Library, a pre-school reading program starting in 2010, and knitting club. The Alberton branch gets support from the Town of Alberton, as well as various fundraisers throughout the year. Hours are Tuesdays 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 and Thursdays 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 8 p.m.

4. Chamber office –
  - a. Staffing – RSVP – George will coordinate with RSVP
  - b. Furniture – Mary Jo secured community foundation grant for \$500
  - c. Donations – It was suggested to send out a list of needed items to the Chamber contact list before buying office furniture. Shane & Carol Roberts donated a big-screen TV.
5. EPA grant update – George reported that the Chamber cannot get the grant. It has to be a separate entity. George will confer with Mike Wood and Mary Jo Berry to discuss the feasibility of establishing a new non-profit organization for it.
6. Events – At the January meeting, Chamber will choose projects that it will support in 2010. Robert suggested that a calendar be put together, listing events and a business directory on the back. Sue reported that the theme for the 2010 Mineral County Fair will be the 1910 fire.

Chamber will host a community event at the Chamber office on Friday February 19, 2010, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Superior businesses will be encouraged to use the opportunity to promote their businesses to community members and to become members of the Chamber. Mary Jo and Robert will be in charge of planning the event.

Similar events will be planned later for St. Regis & Alberton.

7. Election of officers – will be held at January meeting

8. Program ideas for Chamber meetings:

- Mike Wood, “state of the city”
- fire department – St. Regis & county
- Night Riders – snowmobile club
- webmaster Glenda Wallace

10. Mary Jo brought up a discussion about Superior Christmas decorations that were purchased by the Chamber, as well as decorations for St. Regis & Alberton. Chamber and the Town of Superior will work together to get them up.

Next meeting will be on **January 21, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**

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