

**Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes**  
**November 5, 2008**  
**Cut Bank Development Center 3 Noon**

**Directors in Attendance:** LeAnne Kavanagh, Jeff Billman, Mike Bruch, Stephanie Browning, Gloria Taylor, Bob Clary, James Laidlaw and Executive Director Amy Overstreet.

**Directors Excused:** Scott Laird

**Director Absent:** Noel Duram

**Guests Attending:** Mike Koepke, Tom Shock, Dawn Barrett

The meeting was called to order by President LeAnne Kavanagh at 12:02 p.m.

The minutes from the October 8, 2008 meeting were presented for approval. Mike Bruch moved to approve the minutes as presented and Stephanie Browning seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, the minutes were approved unanimously.

With Scott Laird being absent, the monthly financial report was distributed to each director by President Kavanagh. Gloria Taylor moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented and James Laidlaw seconded the motion. Being no further discussion the report was accepted unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report**

Amy reported the Visitor Center had been broken into over the weekend. The front door had been pried open and the lock was picked. The computer, flat-screen monitor, printer, keyboard, mouse and all cables and cords were taken. Amy reported the police had received more information on the break-in of the Visitor Center but no official police report had been given at this time. She would be meeting with the insurance representative later today. Amy had met with Bill McCauley and he could put a latch lock on the inside top of the stationary door for about \$100 as a temporary fix. She also thought that the two windows on the Visitor Center should have some type of covering over them.

Amy has enough helpers to serve hot chocolate for the Capitol Christmas Tree ceremony, which will take place in front of the City Hall on November 6, from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. She is preparing for the Festival of Lights work night.

**Old Business:**

Gloria reported that she felt the Make a Difference Day project at the Glacier County Museum was a success. The list of projects given to us by Dennis Seglum were completed other than the Pioneer Bar that needed skilled carpenters. All in all a good job done by the Chamber.

Jeff reported that Tuesday, November 11 at 6 p.m. volunteers are needed at the Joe Meagher Memorial Civic Center getting the Christmas lights and decorations ready for Festival of Lights celebration. On Tuesday November 18, the lights will be hung on the trees and decorations put on the Glacier County Courthouse lawn starting at 8 a.m. Afterwards there will be a no host social at the Elks Club from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for those helping. Workers are still needed for after the parade at the Civic Center to count votes and give out awards to the winning floats. Line up for the Festival of Lights parade will start at Glacier Motors at 5:00 p.m.

Approximately \$4,500 has been raised to help sponsor the Festival of Trees and Keys. Sponsors so far include Billman's, Edward Jones, Cut Bank Pioneer Press, Cut

Bank Tire, Northern Ford, Northern Chrysler, Stockman Oil, BJ's/Den, Glacier Electric, Fine Wine on Main, Bank of Glacier County, Stockman Bank.

BJ's/Den will be catering the bar. They are donating \$500 to help pay for the Dueling Pianos, will donate tips, and give a portion of the bar's proceeds to the Festival Trees and Keys. Tickets are ready for the event and will be passed out to the Directors and NRMC Auxiliary members to sell. Tickets are \$30 per person: \$50 per couple: or \$300 for a reserved table for 8.

### **New Business:**

Tom Shock will be checking on what the Chamber needs to do for a parade permit for the Festival of Lights parade on November 22.

The membership drive is under way. Amy has the envelopes addressed and ready to stuff with the Chamber letter, membership application and the ballot with the slate of candidates. Members of the Chamber are to vote for 5 directors.

Lunch 'n' Learn will be held Wednesday, November 19 at noon at The Den. The featured speaker will be Dave Fishbaugh who will give an update on the Tank Hill environmental monitoring program.

### **Comments**

Cut Bank Development Corporation is working on getting Soft Skill Classes for those that need it. These skills are needed in the work place. CBDC is still working on the cooperative grocery store and water for the airport.

Anne Thompson will be writing the grant for the Visitor's Center, which will include fixing doors due to the break-in.

Special Events Grant Program application deadline is December 12. It was suggested the Lewis & Clark Festival Committee might be able to use this program for additional funding. Hi-Line Relay for Life has set August 1, 2009 for this event to take place in Cut Bank.

Stockman Bank is doing a Cat/Griz Competition for the Food Bank starting this week with all food going to the Harvest Food Pantry and the most generous fans earning bragging rights.

Bob Clary moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Jeff Billman at 12:43.