

WINDMILL

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November 2, Please remember to Vote!

Also, our general membership meeting will be on November 2, at 6:00 pm in Parkhaven's Activity Room.

Made in Montana Marketplace

The made in Montana marketplace is the premier venue where producers of Made in Montana products and wholesale buyers do business. The 2011 Made in Montana Marketplace Event will be presented by the City of Great Falls and the Montana Department of Commerce, Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26 at the Mansfield Convention Center of the Great Falls Civic Center. The annual, two-day trade show connects wholesale buyers from across the region with the people who produce products that qualify for the Made in Montana program. If you would like to register or need more information on this event check out the website: greatfallsmt.net/events/madeinmontana/.

Minutes from the General Meeting, September 7.

Paul called the general membership meeting to order on September 7, 2010 at 6:10 PM with the following present: Paul Jones, Wilma Jones, Patty Hebner, Dave Hebner and Joan Oldenburger present. Pat Figgins did arrive later.

Treasurer's report was not made.

Old Business: Discussion was held regarding the continuation of the Farmer's Market for a few more weeks. It was suggested to cut the advertising except for the Bank Board and the sandwich boards that Pat puts out. It was also discussed to cut down the ads in future years. After Pat arrived she said that they can't do the Farmer's Market without the advertising in the Belgrade News.

Paul stated that the hard drive and phone have not been purchased, but that Security Software (Avast Antivirus) has been installed.

Discussion was had regarding loaning Chamber items -- how to check it out, who checks the items out and back in and what to charge for deposits on these items. We also discussed the need of additional canopies. Paul stated that Lowe's were having a sale on the 10 X 10 canopies for \$59. Patty recommended that we buy the canopy with poles that go straight down rather than the tapered, because with the tapered canopies you lose coverage -- as the canopies are more like 8 X 8. She stated that we could really use 2 canopies - a 10 X 10 and a 10 X 20. Wilma stated that the Bank was doing an inventory of the tables, chairs and canopies that they have in their trailer, so she would be able to let us know what they have at a later date.

New Business: Paul mentioned that the Update on the Potato Festival would be given in October since everything was not in as of yet.

We discussed about adding the Duck Race as a Chamber event since the Rotary didn't do it this year. It was decided to check with the Rotary first. Paul said he would check this out.

We had a short report about Shakespeare in the Park from those who had attended.

Patty Hebner gave a report on the Chili Cook-off. She also mentioned that it is required to make a 20% contribution to a charity (approximately \$100-\$150) and that she would like it to go to Manhattan Young Life.

Pat also asked about the Beautification Program for the benches and signs and that she had forwarded everything she had to Jon Blanchard.

Pat also asked about the Directories and Joan stated that they are in the progress.

Wilma also suggested that we ask Rotary and Big Sky Carvers to reimburse the Chamber for some of the Potato Festival expenses.

Pat and Dave moved and seconded that the general membership meeting be adjourned.

Minutes from the General Meeting, October 5.

The meeting was called to order by Jon Blanchard on October 5, 2010 at 6 PM with the following present: Jon Blanchard, Andy Malby, George Hoffman, Pat Figgins, Wilma Jones and Joan Oldenburger. The treasurer's report was given.

Old Business: Pat Figgins reported on the Farmers Market that was extended for two weeks with 5 vendors the first week and 3 vendors the last week. Pat stated that the signs need to be re-considered and made of lighter material for easier transporting and setup. The Senior Nutrition closes out in November and that we probably made between \$120 and \$150 with about 40 clients getting \$50 in \$2.00 coupons to purchase only fresh goods. Pat also stated that there would not be a harvest market this year.

Technology issues – a hard drive has been ordered and should be in this week. The phone has not been updated as of this time, but will get done when Susan gets back.

New Business: Andy Malby from the Belgrade News was there to present the information about the Town of Manhattan Centennial coming up next year. The town of Manhattan was incorporated in 1911. They would like to do a special publication, put weekly articles in the paper "this week in history" from old timers, showcase business history, and get sponsors to participate. It was recommended that we start at the beginning of the year with a Centennial Theme – at our annual meeting and use it through out the year. They would also like all businesses to showcase their own businesses. It was brought up that Manhattan Bank celebrated their 100 years on October 5th. Andy mentioned that the Town of Manhattan may also be planning some events.

We discussed dates for the Christmas Stroll. Pat told us that Belgrade and Three

Forks have their Christmas Stroll scheduled for Friday, December 3rd and Bozeman is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th. The Danhof/Manhattan Bank Basketball Tournament is scheduled for December 10th and 11th. George Hoffman stated that the Belgrade News will be doing the guide for the Christmas Strolls in the November 30th paper. Discussion was held about Manhattan having our stroll on Thursday, December 2nd. Wilma made a motion and Pat seconded it that we hold the Manhattan Christmas Stroll on Thursday, December 2nd. Jon suggested that Paul chair the Christmas Stroll or that the two of them co-chair it. It was also discussed that the Christmas lights be put up before Thanksgiving. Pat will visit with Greg Stout about this.

We held some discussion about the directories and it was decided that they should be mailed out since it is getting late in the year. We estimated that it would cost approximately \$700.

Pat made a motion to close the general meeting and George second the motion.

Manhattan Christmas Stroll

The 2010 Manhattan Christmas Stroll will be on December 9. There's no better time to experience the friendly, small town feel of Manhattan than during the annual Christmas Stroll. The entire community comes alive with a parade, hayrides, fireworks, and Christmas caroling, while shops open their doors and invite folks in for refreshment and conversation. Trees in the park and homes in town all sparkle with festive lights, and folks get the chance to rekindle old acquaintances, or just get caught up on the latest happenings as everyone takes to the streets for a night of fun.

Murdoch's Ranch & Home Chili Feed

Will be on November 13, from 11 am till 1:00 pm. The famous Wetzel's will be involved with the chili preparation for this event. Murdoch's is a sponsor of the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce's Potato Festival and the Christmas Stroll, so please stop by, thank them and enjoy a bowl of chili!

Prospera Business Network

10 Mistakes to Avoid in Business Accounting is a one-day course co-sponsored by MSU and the Montana Women's Business Center. The class will be on November 8, from 1 – 4 pm. You can register online at <http://eu.montana.edu/professional> or by calling 994-6683. Avoid common landmines in business accounting. Topics include: Fraud – how it is penetrated and how to protect your business, Internal Controls – how does your organization measure up, Cash Flow Currencies – where to find additional cash inside your business, Monitoring – ratios to measure your financial health, Budgeting Tools, and so much more. Work smarter not harder!

Manhattan Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Second Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on November 25, 2010, from 12-2 at the multi purpose room, Manhattan School. EVERYONE is invited---sponsored by The Manhattan Public Schools, and local business organizations. If you would like to volunteer to help please call 284-2071 or 284-6460. There is no charge for the meal and we can provide rides and deliver to shut-in's .

Manhattan Community Corner

Would you like your company highlighted in the Business Spotlight section of the Manhattan Community Corner? Then let us know! We are actively seeking businesses and information on community events to put into this advertising piece.

Montana Chamber Choices

Access to group insurance is one of the many benefits as a member of the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce. Montana Chamber Choices is available to our membership and each month in the Windmill there will be information regarding health and health insurance.

Changes to Your Health Insurance

as a result of the

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) passed by Congress in March

Adult children eligible for coverage to age 26—effective now. Any child who is currently covered but will be turning age 25 will remain on their parents' coverage until age 26 regardless of whether the child is married or not.

No lifetime coverage limits in 2011.

Insurers will no longer be able to include a limit on how much one person can occur in medical spending over their lifetime. Insurers may still impose lifetime limits on “non-essential benefits.” The government has yet to issue a definition of what medical services fall within the “non-essential benefits” guidelines.

No reimbursement for over-the-counter medicines in 2011. You will no longer be able to use pre-tax dollars from a Flexible Spending Account to pay for over-the-counter medicines without a health care provider's prescription. If you get a health care provider to write a prescription, than you will be able to continue using pre-tax dollars to purchase those medicines.

No pre-existing condition limits for children under age 19. Starting on September 23, 2010, insurers cannot impose a pre-existing condition exclusion on coverage of children under 19 years of age.



November Calendar


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:00 pm General Mtg. - Parkhaven, Board Mtg. After	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 11-1 Murdoch's Chili Feed
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving 12-2 Community Dinner	26	27
28	29	30	31			

December Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 6:00 pm General Mtg. - Parkhaven, Board Mtg. After	8	9 Christmas Stroll	10	11



12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

Thank you

Thank you so much for being a member of the Chamber! Please do not hesitate to contact us with your comments and suggestions. We are here to serve you!

If you would like to make a difference in our Chamber and our community then please come to our general meetings – the first Tuesday of every month, 6:00 pm at Parkhaven. We would love to hear your opinion!