



WINDMILL

News and updates from the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

March 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, with lots of good discussion, the Board finished the Budget for 2009. It was a difficult task this year with the anticipation of sponsorship of events and general membership dollars being considerably less do to all of us making tough decisions in our current economic times. We thank all of you for your continued support. We know things are tight for everyone and we hope we can all pull together and help each other through it. BUY LOCAL.

One of the big budget items that the Board felt we must move forward with was a new addition to the Belgrade News. Twice a month we will be running a full page in the Belgrade News, called The Manhattan Corner, sponsored by the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce. We are hoping to use it to promote events and meetings within the community. We are currently working through how we can best use the space to help our business community. If you have something going on, please call the Chamber office or send us an email and we'll try and get it in. We will try and get a calendar of the days it will run and the days we need the information to make the paper for you as well. I think this will be a great asset to the Community, the Chamber and its members. Look for the first page to be in the March 13th issue. Let us know how you would like to see us use this space and well let you know if it is possible within the guidelines we have agreed to with the Belgrade News. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Brad Price

Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2009 12:00 pm, Gallatin River Realty

Brad Price called the meeting to order

Present were: Brad Price, Paul Jones Jim Albrecht, Tom Petrick, Lavonne Stucky, Carol Painter, Debbie Jesse, Wilma Jones, Tammy Olsztyn, Ramona Stout, Dave Hebner, Lindsey Lindgren, Pat Figgins, Roberta Paul, Karen Lauersdorf, Patty Hebner and George Hoffman.

Treasurers Report:

Checkings: \$5520 Savings Account: \$7451 CD: \$11,150

I. OLD BUSINESS

- Banquet Committee Report – Patty Hebner gave the following summary:
 - o Committee members included Wilma Jones, Patty Hebner, Sue Hiedemen, Connie Bergstedt (Ramona Stout was not a committee member but was a big help).
 - o Wrap up – Very positive comments; good speaker, great theme; lots of fun, people couldn't afford to go, marginal on the food; the pork was overcooked.
 - o Committee Wrap Up – It's hard to find a place in Manhattan to hold the banquet. Is there a way to have a banquet and not charge the members? Is there a way of encouraging the directors and members to attend the annual meeting? A budget should be set for the banquet. People who do not cancel their reservations should be billed.
 - o More info – 65 meals were paid for. 23 were given away free.
- Membership- Only half of the members have renewed their membership. Karen will invoice the ones that have not renewed.
- Directory – Only 14 of 65 members who have renewed also placed an ad in the directory. The board decided to publish the directory even if there were not enough ads sold to cover the cost. The board also decided to spend up to \$250 to run an ad in the Belgrade News and Bozeman Chronicle soliciting advertisers for the directory.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- Sponsorship – Karen mailed a general sponsorship letter out to all of the sponsors provided to her from the sponsorship committee.
- Shakespeare In the Parks – We have reserved Saturday, August 1st for Shakespeare in the Parks.
- Yellowstone Country Grant- Last year we received a grant from Yellowstone Country which paid for mailing visitor information packets and also staffing the museum/visitor center everyday during the summer. We will be applying for the grant again this year. The deadline to apply is Friday, February 27th.

- Farmers Market- Pat Figgins reported that the Farmers Market Committee has met and has set tentative dates of June 24 to September 9 for the 2009 season. They will be participating in the Senior Nutrition program. She has written a letter to Bob Kamp of Kamp Implement requesting permission to use the billboard located on his property to advertise the market.
- Potato Festival- Brad gave a synopsis relative to the requesting of permission from the Town Council to use Taylor Park for the Potato Festival.
- Light Pole Banners-Pat Figgins has located the light pole banners and the season greeting decoration.
- ABC 28 Presentation-Lindsey Lindgren gave a presentation about the advertising opportunity with ABC 28. In summary, she offered the chamber 20 spots per month between 7am and 4pm for a rate of \$400 per month of which the chamber would pay \$200 and the station would donate \$200.
- Belgrade News – George Hoffman offered a similar package of advertising with a full page ad run twice a month for a rate of \$400 per month of which the chamber would pay \$200 and the Belgrade News would donate \$200.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Jim Albrecht reported that the American Legion will be hosting the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11th, at 11:00 am in Taylor Park. They plan on hiding 4000 eggs! He also has "Buy Local" signs available for \$25 each.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9th, 12:00, Town Hall meeting room.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 9th
12:00-1:00
TOWN HALL

MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Brad Price	284-3400	Pat Figgins	284-6574	Linda Johnson	284-3174
Vice President, Paul Jones	586-8581	Dave Hebner	599-7456	Tammy Machowicz Olsztyn	284-3909
Treasurer, Roberta Paul	284-3255	Debbie Jesse	282-9111	Wilma Jones	284-3255



Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

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March 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	4	5 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	6	7
8	9 Board Mtg. 11:30 Chamber Mtg. Noon at Town Hall	10 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	11	12 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	13	14
15	16	17 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	18	19 POTATO FESTIVAL Meeting 6:30 303 Spruce	20	21
22	23	24 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	25	26 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	27	28
29	30	31 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30				

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WHAT IS A BANNER AD?

A banner ad is an ad that is about ½ x 2 inches in full color and is put on the website. Visit the chamber website to view the current banner ads. Banner ad space is now available at a rate of \$75 for placement on the front page and \$50 for placement on the membership page per quarter. If you would like to place an ad please contact the chamber office at 284-4162.

C A L E N D A R

2009 Chamber Meetings

- Monday, February 9, 12:00 pm, Manhattan Bank
 - Monday, March 9, 12:00 pm, Town Hall
 - Monday, April 13, 12:00 pm, Manhattan Bank
 - Monday, May 11, 12:00 pm, Manhattan Bank
 - Monday, June 8, 12:00 pm, Manhattan Bank
 - Monday, July 13, 12:00 pm, Manhattan Bank
 - Monday, August 10, 12:00 pm, Manhattan Bank
 - Monday, September 14, 12:00 pm, Manhattan Bank
 - Monday, October 12 12:00 pm, Manhattan Bank
 - Monday, November 12 12:00 pm, Manhattan Bank
 - Monday, December 14, 12:00 pm, Manhattan Bank
- Board meetings will be held 30 minutes prior to Chamber meetings.*

2009 Events

- *Manhattan Garage-A-Rama*, Saturday, June 6th
- *Farmer's Market, Wednesdays*, mid-June to mid-September
- *Manhattan Potato Festival*, Saturday, August 15th
- *Montana State Chili Cook-Off*, Saturday, August 15th
- *State Invitational Car Show*, Saturday, August 15th (tentative)
- *Shakespeare in the Parks*, Saturday, August 1st
- *Christmas Stroll*, Thursday, December 17th (tentative)

POTATO FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING



Do you have an idea for a theme for the festival?

Do you have great ideas for the Festival in general?

Do you want to give your opinion about the festival?

Do you want to help with a great event?

PLEASE JOIN US!!!

**Thursday, March 19th,
6:30 pm at 303 Spruce!**