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News and updates from the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

September 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Potato Festival was a huge success thanks to the hard work of several individuals leading up to the event and tons of volunteers the day of. Thanks to all who so generously gave of their time.

As many of you are already aware, the Chamber is in a search of a new Secretary. Karen gave us six fantastic years and has recently moved on to other things. We greatly appreciate all she did for the Chamber and the Community. We have been taking applications for a couple of weeks now and are meeting as a Board on Monday to review the applications. We are hopeful to have someone in place soon.

It has been a very busy summer and we have been speaking with several individuals regarding bringing their businesses to Manhattan. Many of you may have seen the article in the Belgrade News regarding Quake Industries moving from Belgrade to Manhattan. We have been working diligently with them and another company that will be joining them in the new facility, which is already under construction, to obtain grant money and to possibly get a revolving loan fund established. This has been on the top of my list since being elected your President and I am hopeful that with all the potential new businesses we have been speaking with we can get this accomplished. The funds to start the Revolving Loan Program have to be applied for by a new business coming to town. Once we get the fund started, we will be able to use it to help other already-established businesses in town.

Currently there are three small businesses and one larger business looking at coming to Manhattan, so we will continue to work with these opportunities to try and create more opportunities for all of our members.

It looks like we will be combining a Chamber Mixer with a Business open house in October. Please watch your emails and the Bank sign for details.

I would like to remind all of our members that they can call me anytime with questions, concerns or ideas they would like to discuss. Let's all work together to find ways to improve our business community and our community as a whole. I look forward to a great rest of the year!!

MEETING MINUTES

Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce
August 10, 2009 – 12:00 noon
Manhattan Town Hall

Brad Price called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Membership: 120 current members
- Potato Festival
 - Booths: 139 vendors registered with 166 spaces reserved. We are sold out with a waiting list.
 - Raffle: 130 prizes
 - Volunteers: still need more
 - Inflatables will be there and will be in the same location as last year.
 - Chili Cook Off: all set – we just need contestants
 - Car Show: all lined up and ready
 - Barbeque: Friday evening at 6:00pm in front of Bible Church on S. 5th Street – meeting at the school on Friday at 8:00am to prepare food for the barbeque

- if anyone can participate, please do.
- Dance Friday evening from 8:00-11:00pm
- Farmers Market: has been going very well. Last day will be Sept 9.

NEW BUSINESS

- Karen's Resignation: Karen has resigned from the position of executive secretary/office manager. We need to find a replacement. She worked an average of 12 hours a week. The weekly hours are someone sporadic, depending on what's going on.
- Belgrade News: George announced that the paper grew from 16 to 20 pages.
- Main Street Conference: scheduled for Sept. 28-29 in Helena. Participation is free. If we drive back and forth there will be little cost. Brad Price, Tammy Olsztyn, and Linda Johnson indicated interest in attending.
- Local Fall Event Dates:
 - Fall Festival – Belgrade – Sept. 18-20
 - Fall Harvest – Manhattan - October 17, 12:00-3:00pm
 - Harvest Market – Manhattan Christian School – October 25
 - Chili at Murdochs – the MACC will serve chili at Murdochs on Nov. 11 – please mark your calendar and join in if you can help.

NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

Monday,
September 14th
12:00 Noon
Manhattan Bank

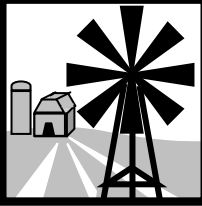
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	2 FARMERS MARKET 4:30-7:30	3 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	4	5
6	7	8 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	9 FARMERS MARKET 4:30-7:30	10 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	11	12
13	14 Chamber Mtg: Noon- Man. Bank Board Mtg: 6:30pm Town Hall	15 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	16	17 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	18	19
20	21	22 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	23	24 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	25	26
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