

# Meeting Highlights MTCO Chamber

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## Meeting Start (00:01 - 09:56)

- Angela made a motion to approve minutes from January's general meeting, Toni seconded.
- Natasha provided the treasurer's report.
  - January balance started at \$12,67.87 and ended at \$13,219.27.

## School Reports

- Liz attended with 3 high school students
- Holly Hollingsworth reported for FCCLA.
  - Fundraiser: "Buy a crush for your crush" for \$2 each.
  - Deliveries scheduled for February 13th.
- Emma Matbie reported for Stucco.
  - Raffle ticket sales for a blanket auction.
  - Planning "The Bash" on March 8th with activities like roller skating and bouncy houses.
  - Kia Orth reported on sports.
  - Senior night/ pink out this friday

## Upcoming Events

- Chamber banquet in March.
  - Bids for food and cash bar due by February 14th.
  - Ticket sales to start online after February 14th.
- Parent-teacher conferences scheduled for next week on Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 8 PM.

## New Business

- Nominations for Man, Woman, Business Spirit Award to be submitted via Google Doc.
  - Deadline for nominations is February 28th.
- Update business listings for accuracy.
  - Check business hours, phone numbers, and email addresses.
- Business spotlights to resume monthly.
  - Highlight special events or anniversaries for businesses.

## Hub and Blasts (09:56 - 19:47)

- Hub meetings will move to twice a month.
- Blasts will be reintroduced soon.
  - Blasts serve as reminders for meetings.
  - Minutes may be sent out ahead of time to reduce paper waste.

## Hospital Updates

- Introduction by Audra Gonzalez, CNO for Morton County Hospital.
- New patient care method implemented with ER docs and hospitalists.
  - Use of telehealth with a robot for patient assessments.
  - Enhanced specialist availability through the robot system.
- Reduction in patient transfers to other facilities.
  - Only two patients have been transferred in three weeks.

## Technology Improvements

- New EMAR system called Cerner implemented.
  - Allows for real-time recording and reporting.
  - Aims to improve state reporting and potentially increase funding.

## Community Updates

- Tim reports on local projects.
  - New bathrooms for Whistle Stop park expected next month.
  - New street light installation underway.
- Stephanie from Mosaic shares updates.
  - Seeking Mosaic at home providers for adults with intellectual disabilities.
  - Conducting virtual presentations to raise awareness.
- Iris discusses activities at the senior center.
  - Upcoming events include curriculum dancing and a Super Bowl party.

## Upcoming Presentations (19:48 - 29:46)

- Amanda Aranda will present for PT on the 21st.
- Lindsay Alvarado will present for Heart Health Month on the 28th.

## Senior Center

- Potluck planned for April 26th.
- Spring clean event inspired by last Christmas market; vendors confirmed.
- Big Kansas road trip on May 3rd; offering cinnamon rolls, coffee cake, and coffee for travelers.
- Morton County Senior Expo on May 22nd; information for senior citizens and services available.

## Health Department Updates

- Heart Health Month activities include lab tests for \$50 or \$20 through insurance.
- Encouragement for schools to participate in heart health activities on the 13th.
- Promotion for businesses to partner in heart health initiatives.

## Library Programs

- Started story time with 44 participants; advertising issues noted.
- Books and Babies program for new parents includes free books and bags.

## TDK Promotion

- "50 for you, 50 for them" referral program; \$50 gift card for referrals who meet criteria.

## Kansas Day Activities

- Successful event with grade school children; crafts and historical activities.
- Upcoming Pioneer Men and Women of the Year event; 103 attendees expected.

## Fair Board Information

- Businesses interested in setting up booths for the fair should contact for arrangements.

## Home Improvements (29:46 - 32:17)

- New flooring installed.
- Upgraded to bigger, better appliances and TVs.
- Ongoing process to finalize improvements.

## Recent Activities

- Natasha Pate agency.
- Attended Cimarron farm and ranch show with a booth.
- Upcoming farmer's meeting in Sublet.
- Spring crop sales closing deadline on March 15th.

## Eco Development

- Working on child care project.
- Assisting businesses with needs and inquiries for E community loans.

- Planning Big Kansas road trip.

## Passports

- Passports require appointments due to the temporary absence of an event coordinator.
- Help needed to spread the word about appointment necessity.
- Personal experience: passport reviewed and returned quickly after submission.
- Reminder not to wait until the last minute for passport applications.

**\*\*Start Time:\*\*** 11:51 AM

**\*\*End Time:\*\*** 12:47 PM

**\*\*Attendees and Businesses:\*\***

1. Alexis O'Hair - Economic Development
2. Natasha Eagan - Pate Agency
3. Tara Jones - Home in the Heartland Vacation Home
4. Jennifer Pearlstein - Morton County Hospital
5. Rita Granados - Morton County Hospital
6. Audra Gonzalez - Morton County Hospital (CNO)
7. Liz Watson - HS Principal
8. Forrest Cornwall – Pastor for Church of God
9. Terrell Giddens – Pastor Hillcrest Baptist Church
10. Iris Scruggs - Senior Center
11. Kent Boaldin - Boaldin Electric
12. Diane Boaldin - Boaldin Electric
13. Kayla Espinoza - TBK Bank
14. Alexis Gibson – TBK Bank
15. Marla Houtz - Health Department
16. Leslie Kraich - 11 Mile Ranch
17. Toni Bressler- Library
18. Stephanie Releford - Mosaic
19. Angela Abney - 1st Capital Mortgages
20. Becky Ellis- Museum
21. Tim Hardy - City Administrator
22. Nancy Brewer – Forestry Service