



General Membership Meeting

Monday, November 3, 2014 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Ambassador Restaurant

Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:** Guy Langham opened the meeting at 12:14 p.m. with prayer. Keith Logan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Introduction of Guymon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors President – Randy Jacobs** – Jada Breeden introduced Randy Jacobs as the Guymon Chamber of Commerce Board President for the 2014-2015 chamber year. Guy Langham and Lisa Ortiz were introduced as members of the GCofC Board of Directors.
- III. **Review of October 2014 Minutes:** Larry Buehler made the motion to accept the minutes as presented; Melyn Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Education Committee report – Dr. Bryant gave the President’s Update, Men’s Basketball Schedule and announced that Spring 2015 Enrollment is now open.
OPSU programming team won eight of the top ten awards at their recent conference.
OPSU Football team is celebrating a winning season with six wins and 3 losses.
OPSU Guymon Classroom is offering an EMT and EMT Refresher course in Boise City.
 - b. Ambassadors’ report – Melyn Johnson praised the newly inducted Ambassadors for their participation in the club. Lisa Ortiz asked about the points system. Ambassadors receive points for participating in chamber events. Each Ambassador must earn 1,000 points over the course of the calendar year to remain in the club.
 - c. Special Events Committee report – Jada Breeden commented on the Annual Banquet and announced to the group the winners of awards: Larry Buehler received Ambassador of the Year Award; Carter’s Market Place won the Small Business of the Year Award; Guy Langham won the Volunteer of the Year Award; Dianna Brown was awarded the Citizen of the Year Award.
 - d. Leadership Guymon Committee Report – Jada Breeden announced that the committee will be meeting on Tuesday to set the dates for the 2015 Leadership Guymon sessions. All alumni are eligible to assist with Leadership Guymon. Letters and announcements for the sessions will be made soon.
 - e. Ag Committee Report – Jim Quimby announced that the committee has regrouped and will offer an event that will represent the industry, award scholarships and honor families, producers and businesses in the agriculture industry. It will be “Excellence In Ag”; the date has not been finalized due to the Congressman Frank Lucas’ calendar.
The committee will partner with Agriculture Future of America (AFA) to offer scholarships to high school seniors. AFA matches a majority of the local funds collected and offers the recipient a true leadership experience to encourage careers in the agriculture industry.

V. Upcoming Chamber events

- a. Ribbon Cutting – Golden Senior Olympics, Texas County Activity Center, Friday, November 14th at 9:00 a.m.
- b. Retailers Meeting – Tuesday, November 18th: 7:00 a.m. at the Ambassador Restaurant & 6:00 p.m. at Main Street Guymon Office.
- c. General Membership Meeting – Monday, December 1st, 12:00 p.m.
- d. Parade of Lights – Saturday, December 13th along Main Street. Parade begins at 5:30 p.m.

VI. Community Events

- a. Guymon Community Theatre Presents Miracle on 34th Street. Performances will be December 5th, 6th & 7th and again on the 11th, 12th, and 13th.
- b. YMCA Gobbler Gallop – Thanksgiving Day, registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
- c. Christmas Open House – Tuesday, December 2nd. Merchants open late for Christmas shopping.
- d. All Fired Up (formerly the Wild Horse Gallery) Grand Opening will be on Saturday, November 8th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

VII. Old Business: No Old Business to discuss.

VIII. New Business: Melyn Johnson presented the October Community Kudos award to Bob Burger. Bob works with Opportunities, Inc. and does a great job helping people in the panhandle communities.

The Local Entrepreneur of the Month for October is PC Hut. Melyn Johnson stated that they were unable to attend the meeting to collect their certificate because of prior commitments with customers.

Melyn Johnson announced that Main Street Guymon and the Guymon Chamber of Commerce is planning a reception for the OPSU Football team. The team has made great strides in turning the program around. Watch for the announcement.

IX. Adjourn: Randy Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

Next meeting: Ambassador Restaurant, Monday, December 1, 2104 at 12:00 p.m.

Presentation by Kari Alva with Northwest Oklahoma CASA. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. Mrs. Alva has been the director with Northwest Oklahoma CASA for the past two years.

CASA is seeking volunteers to help with cases in the Oklahoma panhandle area. Associate District Judge Reddick has requested that the organization find 15 – 20 volunteers.

CASA volunteers are appointed by the judge to get involved on the behalf of a child that is in the judicial system and in jeopardy of being placed outside the home. The court appointed volunteer is responsible for all costs incurred while assisting the judge on the case and reports directly to the judge.

Jada Breeden

Respectfully submitted

Approved