



General Membership Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2016 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Ambassador Restaurant

Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:** Randy Jacobs opened the meeting at 12:16 p.m. Kyle Hawkins led the prayer, Dr. Wayne Manning followed by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Review of January 2016 General Meeting Minutes** – Denise Lunt-Rothschopf made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kelly Miller seconded the motion; motion carried.
- III. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Education Committee report – Dr. Manning reported that OPSU is at 100% retention on credit hours from the fall 2015 to spring 2016 semesters. The university had 65 students enrolled in the Christmas interim.

The search for OPSU President has started. The Oklahoma Regents have candidates and will meet on February 22 to discuss the applicant pool. Dr. Bryant had already announced his retirement at the end of the Spring Semester.

The Education Committee meets monthly at the Pub on the Bricks. The next meeting will be on February 16 at noon.
 - b. Ambassadors' report – Dianna Brown was pleased to announce that as of January 26, Larry Buehler will be the Guymon Ambassador's President. Dianna also mentioned that the Ambassadors have started 2016 with meet & greet's, ribbon cuttings and meetings. The group has formed a Nomination Committee to seek candidates for an open Ambassador's seat.
 - c. Leadership Guymon Committee Report – Leadership Guymon sessions began on January 15. There are 15 men and women in this year's class. The next session is scheduled for February 12 and focuses on Education. This year, the Education Session has included a presentation on Home Schooling.

Leadership Guymon's State Government Session will include Panhandle Day at the Capitol. If you are interested in attending with the group, a form will be emailed in the bi-weekly email.
 - d. Ag Committee Report – The Excellence In Ag Experience will be on Thursday, February 11, 6:00 p.m. at the Pickle Creek Center. Tickets are \$15 each for the event (includes a steak dinner) until Feb. 4; \$25 each after or at the door. The committee will award Ag Producer of the Year, Ag Business of the year, and scholarships. The Texas County Conservation District will award the Cooperator of the Year will as well.
 - e. Guymon Pioneer Days & PBR Committee Reports – The rodeo committee is in full swing and getting the sponsors lined up for the 2016 event. The Dinner, Dance and Draw Down, fundraiser for the rodeo committee, had a great turn out. The event split the \$5,000 between three people. PBR committee has started planning for the 2016 event that is scheduled for July 25.

IV. Upcoming Chamber Events

- a. *Eggs & Issues* – 7:00 a.m., Friday, February 5 at the Ambassador Restaurant
- b. *Excellence In Ag Experience* – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 11 at the Pickle Creek Center
- c. *Education Committee Meeting* – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 16. Pub on the Bricks.
- d. *Eggs & Issues* – 7:00 a.m., Friday, March 4 at the Ambassador Restaurant
- e. *Living Green Ribbon Cutting* – 8:15 a.m., Saturday, March 12.

V. Community Events

- a. *Medicare Meeting* – Monday, February 1, 6:00 p.m. at Main Street Guymon Office.
- b. *Ground Hog Supper* – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 1, VMUMC Enrichment Center.
- c. *Souper Bowl of Caring* – 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Sunday, February 7, VMUMC Enrichment Center (fundraiser for Oaks of Mamre)
- d. *OPSU Top Hand Auction* – 7:00 p.m., Saturday, February 13, Pickle Creek Center
- e. *Diabetes Support Group* – 6:00 -7:00 p.m., Monday, February 15, Main Street Guymon Office
- f. *Guymon Community Theatre's production, The Man Of LaMancha*, Feb 11-14 &, 19-20
- g. *His & Hers Home Show* – February 27 & 28, Texas County Activity Center
- h. *Guymon Emergency Preparedness Fair* – 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, Texas County Activity Center

- VI. Presentation of Community Kudos and Local Entrepreneur Awards** – Cassie Jo Schriefer was presented the Community Kudos Award for January. Cassie Jo started a youth mentoring program for young ladies in junior high.
City Bank & Trust was awarded the Local Entrepreneur for the month of January. City Bank & Trust is a great supporter of the community.

- VII. Old Business:** No old business to discuss.

- VIII. New Business:** Mayor Kim Peterson stated that the move to the new City Hall building will start on Friday, February 5. City offices will be closed on the 5th and 8th due to the move. City Council will have the first meeting on Thursday, February 11, in the new chambers.

- IX. Adjourn:** KC Rothschof made the motion to adjourn at 12:43 p.m., Anna Marie Rhoads seconded the motion; motion carried.

Next meeting: Ambassador Restaurant, Monday, March 7, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

Presentation by David Rasmussen, Memorial Hospital of Texas County, CEO – Memorial Hospital of Texas County (MHTC) will be asking for Texas County voters to support a one cent sales tax to support the hospital. At this time, the hospital is in need of sales tax support to keep the hospital's doors open. The one cent sales tax will be in effect for three years and then will reduce to fifty cents after the third year. The estimates indicate that \$2.2 million/year or \$6.6 million for the 3 years will be generated by this tax.

The sales tax will be used for equipment, salaries, physician recruitment, and to keep patients in the local hospital for services. At this time, the Medicare reimbursement rate has been decreased because of the federal government's health care plan. Recruitment of physicians and upgrades to equipment is necessary to keep patients in the community hospital as well.

Questions from the group included: How do we get the local doctors to admit to the hospital again? And How do we get local doctors to help save the hospital? Mr. Rasmussen responded with the plan is to recruit doctors to our area.

Dianna Brown stated that the new federally qualified health clinic will be able to assist the hospital with reimbursement on Medicare and Medicaid services because of their designation and commitment to use the hospital for services such as imaging services and prescription assistance. PCHC will also help with the unpaid emergency room visits by providing a sliding scale payment option for patients who are uninsured or underinsured.

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Respectfully submitted

Approved