



General Membership Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2015 ~ 12:00 p.m.
Ambassador Restaurant

Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:** Randy Jacobs opened the meeting at 12:13 p.m. KC Rothschoopf led the prayer. Keith Logan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Review of August 2015 General Meeting Minutes** – Steve Tuttle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Larry Buehler seconded the motion; motion carried.
- III. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Education Committee report – Dr. Bryant invited everyone to attend the first 2015 OPSU football game vs. Langston University on Saturday, September 19. Military and first responders will be honored for this game. Homecoming is Saturday, October 10. The Aggies will be hosting Southwestern University. Parade starts at 10:30 a.m., Alumni BBQ will be in the Plaza at 11:00 a.m., and kick-off is at 1:00 p.m.
Dr. Bryant invited anyone interested in attending the Education Committee (third Tuesday of each month) meeting is more than welcome to attend. Lunch is provided by OPSU. Dean McFadden will have a presentation to update the committee on progress, challenges, and other issues facing them.
 - b. Ambassadors' report – Larry Buehler mentioned that the Ambassadors have new summer 'uniforms'.
Larry Buehler introduced Kyle Hawkins as the newest member of the Guymon Ambassadors.
 - c. Special Events Committee Report – Jada Breeden invited everyone to attend the 2015 Guymon Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet scheduled for Tuesday, October 27. The theme is "Superheroes! Honoring Marvelous Local Heroes" and will have the awards presentation for Citizen of the Year, Ambassador of the Year, Small Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Nominations will be accepted until October 15. City of Guymon accepts nominations for Citizen of the Year.
- IV. **Upcoming Chamber events**
 - a. *Ken Lane, State Farm Ribbon Cutting & Open House* – 622 N. Main Street, Friday, September 18, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.
 - b. *Fiesta Ribbon Cutting* – 5th & Main Street, Sunday, September 20, 6:00 p.m. Event begins at 2:00 p.m., ribbon cutting is scheduled to accompany crowning of Fiesta King & Queen.
 - c. *Oklahoma City Thunder* – Friday, October 2.
 - d. *Golden Senior Olympics Ribbon Cutting* – Texas County Activity Center, Friday, October 9, 9:00 a.m.
 - e. *Guymon Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet* – Pickle Creek Center, Tuesday, October 27. Theme: Superheroes! Honoring Marvelous Local Heroes
- V. **Community Events**

- a. *ODDC Training* – Guymon Public Library, Wednesday, September 16, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Training for business and community members to understand and implement strategies with people with disabilities.
- b. *Pink Heals Poker Run Benefit* – Registration 10:00 a.m. at the Pub on the Bricks, Saturday, September 19. Contact Sandy at 651.1825.
- c. *Fiesta for Talent* – 5th & Main Street, Sunday, September 20. Registration required.
- d. *Texas County Elder Fair* – VMUMC Enrichment Center, Thursday, September 24, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- e. *Friends of the YMCA's Sip 'N Fit* – Friday, September 25.

VI. Presentation of Community Kudos & Local Entrepreneur of the Month – Randy Jacobs, Melyn Johnson and Soila Medina presented the August 2015 Community Kudos Award to Huston Garcia. Huston gave 60 free back to school haircuts and collected school supplies in exchange for payment.

Randy Jacobs, Melyn Johnson and Soila Medina presented the 2015 August Local Entrepreneur of the Month Award to Bank of the Panhandle employees. Bank of the Panhandle employees are encouraged to participate in community events, support local businesses and volunteer when needed.

VII. Old Business: No old business to discuss.

VIII. New Business: Larry Buehler mentioned that Pink Heals in the Oklahoma Panhandle does a tremendous job with the annual Bike Run. They assist people battling cancer in the area by various means.

Mayor Kim Peterson updated those attending the meeting on the progress with the Main Street Beautification Project. He will announce a 'Walk with the Mayor' when the project is completed.

IX. Adjourn: Steve Tuttle made the motion to adjourn at 12:34 p.m., Melyn Johnson seconded the motion; motion carried.

Next meeting: Ambassador Restaurant, Monday, October 5, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

Presentation by Kyle Hawkins, Edward Jones – Kyle Hawkins discussed his role with financial planning and investments. He stated that the goal is to build a well balanced portfolio. Economic growth of six to eight percent, annually is the norm, but the DOW is unpredictable.

The FED has been discussing increasing the rate; it is unknown until the announcement scheduled for September 17. Growth is projected at two to three percent for the next year.

International financial woes in Greece and Europe are a concern, as well as China's thirty percent drop in the last several months.

Federal Deficit is currently at \$486 Billion and the Federal Debt is \$18 Trillion; however the US net wealth is \$85 Trillion. Congress will discuss raising the debt ceiling – markets may not respond one way or the other.

Jada Breeden

Respectfully submitted

Approved