



# General Membership Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2015 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Ambassador Restaurant

## Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:** Randy Jacobs opened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Kyle Hawkins led the prayer. Keith Logan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Review of October 2015 General Meeting Minutes** – Larry Buehler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Denise Lunt-Rothschopf seconded the motion; motion carried.
- III. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. Education Committee report – Dr. Bryant announced that the President’s Newsletter was available for everyone.

The OPSU Chili Cook-off is scheduled for November 7. Teams are encouraged to contact Jill Olson to register. Judging will begin at 11:00 a.m. Kick-off vs. WTAMU will be at 2:00 p.m.

The Education Committee will have the next meeting on Tuesday, October 20. Meetings are at the Pub on the Bricks. OSU Extension Service will do a presentation for the group. Lunch is provided and all are welcome to attend.

Larry Buehler announced that the OPSU Football Team won their recent game with a score of 62-7.
  - b. Ambassadors’ report – Dianna Brown explained the Ambassador’s duties and their support of the Guymon Chamber of Commerce.
  - c. Special Events Committee Report – Kari Montgomery thanked everyone for supporting the Annual Banquet. Convention & Tourism won the table decorating contest on the corporate level and Panhandle Services for Children won the sponsored table prize.
  - d. Parade of Lights Committee Report – The Guymon Parade of Lights is scheduled for Saturday, December 12. Parade theme is “Miracle on Main”. Parade entries must use lights; there are no prizes, it is just a great community event. Jada invited anyone interested in serving on that committee to attend the meeting on November 4.
- IV. **Upcoming Chamber events**
  - a. Parade of Lights Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 12:00 p.m., at Urban Bru.
  - b. Museum on Main Ribbon Cutting – Saturday, November 7, 10:00 a.m., Guymon Public Library. This kicks off the Smithsonian Team Sports Exhibit that focuses on OPSU Rodeo Team and the cowboy heritage in No Man’s Land.
  - c. Golden Crown Ribbon Cutting – Saturday, November 14, 11:30 a.m.
  - d. Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo Hall of Fame Induction Reception – Saturday, November 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Pickle Creek Center.
  - e. Education Committee Meeting – Tuesday, November 17, 12:00 p.m. at the Pub on the Bricks.

**V. Community Events**

- a. Guymon Open House – Wednesday, December 2 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. with participating downtown businesses.

**VI. Presentation of Community Kudos and Local Entrepreneur Awards –** Melyn Johnson (Main Street Guymon), Miranda Gilbert (City of Guymon) and Randy Jacobs (Guymon Chamber of Commerce) presented the October Local Entrepreneur Award to Rick & Val Furnish, owners of Bob’s Cowboy Bar and Dance Hal. The Furnish’s sponsor a cook-out benefit for a local person who needs a helping hand. They open their doors for groups i.e. Leadership Oklahoma, Oklahoma Ag Leadership and many more. Rick will be presenting during the Museum on Main events at the Guymon Public Library.

The recipient of the October Community Kudos Award is Charles White. Charles was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment. Dianna Brown mentioned that Charles is on the Finance/Budget Committee for the Panhandle Health Center and does so much more than that; he helps people complete the necessary paperwork to apply for insurance.

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

**VIII. New Business:** No new business to discuss.

**IX. Adjourn:** Melyn Johnson made the motion to adjourn at 12:33 p.m., Miranda Gilbert seconded the motion; motion carried.

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**Presentation by Dianna Brown on the Panhandle Health Center –** In 2013 a group of people began working on a grant proposal for Federally Qualified Health Center that would address health care for people in the area who were considered to be underserved. It included mental health counseling and dental services to be offered under the same umbrella of services. Because the needs were great for people who did not have health insurance, or were unable to afford care due to limitations on their co-pays, etc., the guidelines were met and the group received the announcement that their grant application will be funded. Each year, the health center will receive a grant for \$650,000, but they must submit a grant proposal each year to continue to receive funding. This money will be used for salaries, money collected for services (based on a sliding scale) will be used for materials. There are 19 FQHC’s in Oklahoma.

The community has reacted in a positive way for the health center to open their doors. Seaboard Foods has agreed to a lease for the building and its contents for \$150/month (they will also maintain the exterior of the building) and dentist equipment and materials were donated by dental practices. It is estimated that the dental donations alone total more than \$500,000. Dr. Darrel Gibson will provide dental services. Sarah Waggoner was hired as the CEO for the health center.

In order to provide services as a Federally Qualified Health Center, they must have a volunteer board of directors with fifteen members. The board must be represented by the community in which it serves. Also, the FQHC will be able to offer a physician student loan reimbursement for up to \$125,000 and the physician will not be required to maintain malpractice insurance.

The FQHC and Memorial Hospital of Texas County will work together in providing affordable and quality care to the people in our area. The FQHC will relieve the burden that the hospital has with clients who use the emergency room for routine care. They will accept all insurances and will not turn anyone away. The sliding scale is based on the federal guidelines.

Doors to the Panhandle Health Center will open on December 9. There will be extended hours and a 24 hour call center to better serve the community.

Receptions for the Panhandle Health Center will be announced.

*Jada Breeden*

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Respectfully submitted

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