



## General Membership Meeting

Monday, June 6, 2016 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Ambassador Restaurant

### Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:** Randy Jacobs opened the meeting at 12:13 p.m. Jim Quimby led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Review of April 2016 General Meeting Minutes:** Si Perkins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Quimby seconded the motion; motion carried.
- III. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. *Education Committee report* – Consuelo McFadden reported that Dr. Tim Faltyn officially started as the OPSU President on June 1.  
The OPSU Rodeo Teams will be in Casper, WY, for the College National Finals Rodeo next week.  
Phi Beta Lambda will be in Atlanta, GA, for the National Leadership Conference on June 24.  
Education Committee’s monthly meeting is held on the third Tuesday of each month, noon, at the Pub on the Bricks.
  - b. *Ambassadors’ report* – Larry Buehler stated that the Ambassadors have not been as busy since Pioneer Days. They have attended ribbon cuttings and receptions.
  - c. *Guymon Pioneer Days & PBR Committee Reports* – Jim Quimby said that the committee is pleased with the event and is currently waiting on financial reports to see where they stand.  
PBR event is scheduled for Saturday, July 23. It will be at the Henry C. Hitch Pioneer Arena. The committee is working on sponsorships to begin advertising.
- IV. **Upcoming Chamber Events**
  - a. *Education Committee Meeting* – 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 21. Pub on the Bricks.
  - b. *Guymon Chamber of Commerce 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament* – Saturday, June 25, Sunset Hills Golf Course. Registration at 8:00 a.m., Shotgun Start at 9:00 a.m. Guy Langham is the Chair for this event; 3 person teams, \$5,000 hole-in-one prizes on all par 3 holes.
  - c. *Guymon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting* – Monday, July 11, 12:00 p.m., Ambassador Restaurant.
  - d. *Kasey Hayes & Stormy Wing Invitational PBR BlueDef Velocity Tour* – Saturday, July 23, Henry C. Hitch Pioneer Arena.
- V. **Community Events**
  - a. *Melinda McGlasson in Concert* – Saturday, June 11, 7:00 p.m., Texas County Activity Center. Free concert; free will donation collected to benefit Oklahoma Panhandle Partners.
  - b. *Melidna McGlasson in Concert* – Wednesday, June 15, 7:00 p.m., Texhoma Auditorium. Free concert; free will donation collected to benefit Texhoma Fire Department.

- c. *Green Jeans 5K* – Saturday, June 18, 7:30 a.m., benefitting Northridge Christian School.
- d. *13<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas County Children’s Health Fair* – Thursday, July 14, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Texas County Activity Center.

- VI. **Presentation of Community Kudos & Local Entrepreneur of the Month:** Local Entrepreneur for the month of May is awarded to Erick & Alka Lammes. Community Kudos for the month of May is awarded to Arleen Winfrey.
- VII. **Old Business:** Melyn Johnson, Main Street Guymon, thanked the Guymon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Ambassadors, volunteers, Bank of the Panhandle and Seaboard Foods employees for all their work for Guymon Outback. She reported that the event was larger than the previous year.
- VIII. **New Business:** No new business.
- IX. **Adjourn:** Larry Buehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Krista Hawkins seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. ***Next meeting:*** Monday, **July 11, 2016** at 12:00 p.m. at the Ambassador Restaurant

**Presentation: David Petty, Attorney at Law**

David Petty began by cautioning people to be aware of the change in the way the Oklahoma Supreme Court Justices are selected. He stated that the attack on the judicial system will happen again, but for now, the legislation did not approve to put it on the vote of the people for the November ballot.

History of the selection process dates back to 1964 when two Oklahoma Supreme Court Justices were convicted on tax evasion for campaign contributions they received to render a favorable judgement. The third justice that was indicted was eventually convicted for tax evasion.

The Judicial Nomination Committee restructured the process and it was implemented in 1969. This process is still used today and is modeled by other states for their supreme court justice selection. Six justices who are practicing attorney’s, are selected by a judicial committee; six justices, non-attorney’s, are appointed by the Governor; the thirteenth member is nominated and accepted by both the judicial selection committee and the Governor and cannot be an attorney. The Oklahoma House and Senate ratified this process to include one selected justice from each side of the legislative branches. This brings the number of justices to fifteen; which the process was working great.

The proposed initiative on the ballot would have opened the districts to a state-wide election rather than a district selection. Mr. Petty stated that the majority of the practicing attorney’s in the state of Oklahoma all agree that the selection committee process keeps the politics out of the courtroom. He does warn that the issue will return during the next election cycle.

*Jada Breeden*

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Respectfully submitted

Approved