



General Membership Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2016 ~ 12:00 p.m.
Ambassador Restaurant

Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:** Jim Quimby led prayer, Larry Buehler led pledge of allegiance. Randy Jacobs opened the meeting at 12:11 p.m.
- II. **Review of August 1, 2016 General Meeting Minutes:** Steve Tuttle made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; Kelly Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- III. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. *Education Committee report* – Joe Breeden, Dean of Business and Technology, discussed the excitement on campus for the leadership and new paths that Dr. Faltyn is guiding OPSU on. There is a new logo made from iron by the college farm that Greg Ming donated to the university. Many thanks to Mr. Ming and his contributions.
Joe B. also mentioned that the OPSU Football Team won their recent game vs. a D-I team, and that Junior Wolfe, former OPSU football player, was mentioned during an ESPN broadcast.
OPSU is eager to begin training the workforce in areas that are needed in the surrounding communities through the Industrial Technology program. Lanny Wilson has been instrumental in guiding the program to enlist area instructors who can assist in transforming the programs.
OPSU has had a great rapport with local businesses in providing Interns. There is now a formalized process that will enhance the participation with area businesses. This process will help with recruiting and competing with other universities who may not offer the same benefits to prospective students.
Renovations are currently underway at the President's Residence. Dr. Faltyn has plans of hosting student, faculty and community events in the home. The home's renovation will include a library and dining area that will be used for many occasions to honor students, staff, guests and dignitaries on the OPSU campus.
 - b. *Ambassadors' report* – Larry Buehler, Ambassador's President, stated that the Ambassadors are busy with ribbon cuttings, grand openings and events.
 - c. *Special Events Committee report* – Jada announced that the Guymon Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be on Thursday, October 27, 6:00 p.m. at the Pickle Creek.
- IV. **Upcoming Ambassador/Chamber Events:**
 - a. *Cross Fit Ribbon Cutting* – 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 16, 401 SE 2nd Street.
 - b. *Fiesta Ribbon Cutting* – 3:00 p.m., Sunday, September 18, 5th & Main Street. Event is from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. 2016 is the 20th Annual Guymon Fiesta! Entertainment includes Mariachi band, dancing and traditional dancing. Face painting, food and bouncy houses will keep kids old and young busy.
 - c. *Education Committee Meeting* – 12:00 p.m., Tues., September 20, Pub on the Bricks – Sponsored by OPSU.

- d. *Kyle Hawkins, Edward Jones Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting* – Grand Opening from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Ribbon Cutting at 12:30, 316 Northridge Circle, Suite 3.
- e. *Guymon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting* – 12:00 p.m., October 3, Ambassador Restaurant
Guymon Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet – 6:00 p.m., October 27, Pickle Creek. The theme is “Tailgate Party”.

V. Community Events:

- a. *Career Focus* – 8:00 a.m. each Friday morning September 16 – November 4, OPSU Guymon Classroom
- b. *Medicare Seminar* – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 15, 917 N. Main St.
- c. *All Fired Up Artist Showcase* – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 15, 421 N. Main St.
- d. *Oaks of Mamre Yard/Bake Sale* – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, September 17, 409 N. Ellison
- e. *Texas County Elder & Community Fair* – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 22, VMUM Enrichment Center, 523 N. Roosevelt.
- f. *Panhandle Services for Children Open House Party* – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Friday, September 23, 4th & Roosevelt St.
- g. *Friends of the YMCA, Sip n Fit* – 7:30 p.m., Friday, September 23. See any Texas County Family YMCA Board Member for tickets.
- h. *Denim & Pearls, Oklahoma Panhandle Partners Banquet* – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 6, Pickle Creek.
- i. *His & Hers Show* – Saturday & Sunday, October 1 & 2, Texas County Activity Center.
- j. *Harvest Fest* – 1:00 – 8:00 p.m., Saturday, October 8, Downtown Guymon. The events scheduled for the day included a Guymon version of “Chopped”. Contestants will participate in the cook-off by using ground pork, corn and summer squash.
- k. *Panhandle Services for Children Banquet* – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 15, Pickle Creek.

VI. Old Business: No old business discussed.

VII. New Business: No new business discussed.

VIII. Adjourn: Jim Quimby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. KC Rothschof seconded the motion; motion carried. ***Next meeting:*** Monday, October 3, at 12:00 p.m. at the Ambassador Restaurant

Presentation: City of Guymon Mayor, Kim Peterson

Mr. Peterson distributed materials for presentation.

The City of Guymon has named an interim, Larry Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell has forty years of city management experience. Mr. Peterson commended the resiliency of the staff with the City of Guymon for working well through all the changes.

Mr. Peterson began by educating those present on how the City of Guymon funds their operations and services. Sales tax collection is the main income for the city. Services (trash, water, police and fire services, ambulance fees, etc.) are provided through the sales taxes collected and the sale of said services.

Mr. Peterson stated that there was an initiative released about a year ago that most people don't understand; the 1% state sales tax initiative, dubbed the “Boren Initiative”. The increase of 1% in sales tax that is proposed in State Question 779, is designed to benefit education. The proposed

tax increase will increase the sales tax in Guymon to 10.5%; there is legitimate fear that this increase in sales tax will push people who live in boarder communities to spend their money in a boarder state that has less tax. Another concern is that economic growth will be negatively impacted due to industry locating in nearby states with lower taxes.

KC Rothschof mentioned that the projected income listed on the handouts provided by Mr. Peterson, do not take into consideration the current economy.

Leslie Kraich asked Mr. Peterson about the indication from other municipalities on State Question 779. Mr. Peterson answered that through his conversations, other municipalities are against State Question 779 due to the reasons he stated.

Jada Breeden

Respectfully submitted

Approved