



## General Membership Meeting

Monday, February 6, 2017 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Ambassador Restaurant

### Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:** Jim Quimby led prayer, Larry Buehler led pledge of allegiance. Kari Montgomery opened the meeting at 12:12 p.m.
- II. **Review of January 9, 2017 General Meeting Minutes:** Jim Quimby made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Larry Buehler seconded the motion; motion carried.
- III. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. *Education Committee report* – No report.
  - b. *Ambassadors' report* – Larry Buehler reported that Ambassadors' new President, Rick Roberts, began his year of service at the January Ambassador's meeting.
  - c. *Ag Committee report* – Jim Quimby reported that the committee awarded scholarships to four outstanding high school seniors who are seeking degrees in an agriculture related field. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner is Erica Wiebe – her older sister won first place two years ago, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up is Dawson Batt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up is Lauren Farabee, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-up is Nathanael Rodriguez. Ag Business of the Year is Engine Machine Specialists and Ag Producer of the Year is Tom & Phyllis Stephens.
  - d. *Leadership Guymon Committee report* – Miranda Gilbert said that the class just completed the Education Session on Friday, February 3. They attended Eggs & Issues before making the rounds in Guymon and on the OPSU campus in Goodwell.

Jada Breeden mentioned that the State Government Session is in conjunction with Panhandle Day at the Capitol on March 27 & 28. Those who are interested in learning more about the state government process are encouraged to attend and represent the panhandle. Contact Jada at the Chamber office for information.
  - e. *Rodeo Committee report* – Earl Helm stated that the committee held the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner, Dance and Draw Down on Saturday, January 28. The committee raised around \$3,500 and then another \$600 at the OPSU Top Hand Auction on February 4. Earl said that Jim Quimby has done a fabulous job contacting sponsors. He went on to say that the committee intended to hire a sky diver to bring in the American flag, but because of economic stress, the committee has not been able to secure funding for it. Earl said that the committee has done a lot of work at the Henry C. Hitch Pioneer Arena with the new buildings and upgrades to the equipment and feels that right now, the event will have to wait until the 90<sup>th</sup> celebration to bring in a sky diver.
- IV. **Upcoming Ambassador/Chamber Events**
  - a. *Education Committee Meeting* – 12:00 pm, Tues., Feb. 21, Pub on the Bricks – Sponsored by OPSU.
  - b. *Eggs & Issues* – 7:00 am, Friday, March 3, 2017 at Ambassador Restaurant, sponsored by PTCI.

- c. *Guymon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting* – 12:00 p.m., March 6, 2017, Ambassador Restaurant. Presentation will be Michael Shannon with PREDCI.
- d. *Livin' Green Ribbon Cutting* – 8:00 a.m., Sat., March 11, corner of 5<sup>th</sup> & Main St.
- e. *Panhandle Day at the Capitol* – Mon. & Tues., March 27 & 28 – see Jada for more details

**V. Community Events**

- a. *Ground Hog Day Supper* – 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Monday, Feb. 6, VMUMC Enrichment Center
- b. *Cabaret for a Cause* – 6:00 p.m., Fri. & Sat., Feb. 10 & 11, Galleon Restaurant
- c. *Healthy Heart Luncheon* – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Wed., Feb. 22, VMUMC Enrichment Center
- d. *Main Street Guymon Awards Night* – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 23, RC's Party & More, 5<sup>th</sup> & Main Street
- e. *Northridge Christian School Spaghetti Dinner* – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mon., Feb. 27, Northridge Christian School, 1738 N. Oklahoma St.
- f. *Texas County Junior Livestock Show* – Feb. 14 – 16 at the Texas County Activity Center. The Premium Auction will be simulcast in the Activity Center building at 7:00 pm; the attendees will be out of the dirt and dust of the arena

**VI. Old Business:** No old business discussed

**VII. New Business:** No new business discussed.

**VIII. Adjourn:** Larry Buehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denise Lunt-Rothschopf seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Monday, March 6, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. at the Ambassador Restaurant

**Presentation: Gary Foster, ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve)**

Mr. Foster is a retired Air Force Captain representing the ESGR, which is overseen by the Department of Defense. Mediation between guardsman/reservist and their employers is the key function of the ESGR.

Guardsmen or Reservists who are deployed for duty are guaranteed the same pay, same seniority and same benefits from their employer when returning home. There are guidelines that the guardsman & reservists must follow. Not returning the service member to the position, pay and seniority is punishable from the Department of Defense.

Employers who work with the service member for trainings, leaves and deployment are nominated by the service member for awards. The highest award presented is the Freedom Award; a large statue and trip to Washington D.C. to receive the award.

*Jada Breeden*

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Respectfully submitted

Approved