



General Membership Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2017 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Ambassador Restaurant

Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:** Larry Buehler led prayer, KC Rothschofp led pledge of allegiance. Kari Montgomery opened the meeting at 12:13 p.m.
- II. **Review of April 3, 2017 General Meeting Minutes:** Steve Tuttle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ronda Purvines seconded the motion; motion carried.
- III. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. *Education Committee report* – Education Committee Meeting is the third Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held at noon at the Pub on the Bricks.
 - b. *Ambassadors' report* – Kari Montgomery reported that Ambassadors were busy for Pioneer Days. Larry Buehler and Rick Roberts represented Guymon and the Ambassadors at the Santa Fe Trail Daze Parade in Boise City on June 3.
 - c. *Leadership Guymon Committee report* – Destyni Trayler participated in the 2017 Leadership Guymon program. The class project will be a Masquerade Ball on October 28 at the Pickle Creek Center. Proceeds will be used to help build a new Panhandle Services for Children facility.
 - d. *Rodeo Committee report* – Krista Preston reported that the rodeo had beautiful weather. She stated that she has heard positive remarks about moving the parade up an hour. There are some changes that will be made for the 2018 rodeo and will be announced later.
- IV. **Upcoming Ambassador/Chamber Events**
 - a. *Town Hall Meeting* – 12:00 pm, Wed., June 7, Pub on the Bricks, *Dutch Treat Luncheon*
 - b. *Education Committee Meeting* – 12:00 pm, Tues., June 20, Pub on the Bricks – Sponsored by OPSU.
 - c. *It's a "Gig" Deal Ribbon Cutting* – 11:30 am, Fri., June 23, PTCI North Office
 - d. *15th Annual Guymon Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament* – 8:00 am, Sat., June 24, Sunset Hills Golf Course
 - e. *North Pizza Hut Ribbon Cutting* – 10:30 am, Tues., June 27, Pizza Hut 414 NW 21st
 - f. *Guymon Ambassadors Meeting* – 12:00 pm, Tues., June 27, Put on the Bricks
 - g. *Guymon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting* – 12:00 pm, July 3, Ambassador Restaurant
- V. **Community Events**
 - a. *FATHER'S DAY!* – Sunday, June 18
 - b. *Kick for the Kids* – 2:30 pm, Sat., June 24, Henry C. Hitch Pioneer Arena
 - c. *INDEPENDENCE DAY!* – Tues., July 4
 - d. *14th Annual Texas County Children's Health Fair, "Back to School Bash"* – 4:00 pm, Thurs., July 20, Texas County Activity Center

VI. Community Kudos & Local Entrepreneur – Melyn Johnson, Main Street Guymon Project Director and Kari Montgomery, Guymon Chamber of Commerce Board President, presented Charles White State Farm with the May 2017 Local Entrepreneur Award. Charles and Courtney White were present to receive the award because of their community support and business practices. They served pancakes and waffles before the Guymon Pioneer Days Parade to anyone who wanted to have breakfast with them. They also provided breakfast burritos on Shop Small Saturday – the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Charles, Courtney and their staff were instrumental in organizing the Main Street Guymon event, Guymon Outback.

The May 2017 Community Kudos Award will be presented to the Urias Brothers – Nick and Nathan. The two young men painted over the graffiti on the Kids Inc. buildings on East Street.

VII. Old Business – Larry Buehler announced that the Jr./Sr. Chamber is almost set to go at Guymon High School – he said that it is their hope to kick it off before school starts in August. The goal is to get young people involved in the community.

The Committee – Larry Buehler, Randy Jacobs, Leslie Kriach, Grace Vavra and Kelly Miller, have met weekly to get the project ready for Guymon Public Schools to approve and launch. The committee has selected the Jr./Sr. Chamber’s community project, *Recycle Guymon*. S & H Recycling will partner with the Jr./Sr. Chamber to ensure sustainability and success.

After discussion with some school administration, the committee has decided to offer a “Life Betterment” grant in lieu of a scholarship as some graduating students are not interested in attending college or a university.

VIII. New Business – Charles White said that State Farm Insurance has a “Neighborhood of Good” grant for up to \$25,000. To be eligible, the application must apply to one of three focus areas: Safety, Community Development and Education. Contact Charles for information and help on applying for this grant.

IX. Adjourn – Next meeting: Monday, July 3, 2017, 12:00 p.m. at the Ambassador Restaurant.

X. Presentation: Panhandle Nutrition Services & Main Street Youth Organizations –

Lance Osborne, Panhandle Nutrition Services Program Director, opened with information on the amount of meals that is provided yearly to the seniors in nine locations of the eight panhandle counties – 82,000. PNS is a Title III program which qualifies them for state and federal funding through OEDA.

At this time, PNS is not sure of how much their budget will be cut due to the state budget. PNS employs kitchen staff at all nine locations. The total budget for the Guymon PNS location is \$103,000/year. \$45,000 is provided by the State of Oklahoma, \$14,000 through NISP and the remainder is provided by donations and meal payments. In 2016, PNS Guymon location had a \$9,000 loss.

It is suggested, that seniors 60 and older pay \$3 for their meal. If a senior is unable to pay for their meal, they are not turned away. PNS is not “Meals on Wheels”. Also, anyone can call in advance to register to eat a meal and are required to pay \$4. Seniors may qualify for an “Advantage Waiver”, a federal program that provides seven meals per week to the qualifying senior.

At one time, any food that was left over was thrown away – even food that a senior did not finish on their plate. Leftover food can now be taken home by a senior if they provide a clean container for transporting.

PNS has an Outreach Coordinator that assesses the home bound seniors that receive meals through PNS. The coordinator can make referrals for other services based on that assessment. A registered dietician is on staff and can help with nutritional needs of a senior, provide educational services and make presentations to the community.

Individuals and businesses can sponsor a day for meals to seniors 60 and older. The cost can be anywhere between \$100 - \$300 for the day. PNS provides 25 – 30 meals per day in Guymon. Volunteers are needed every day, especially with home delivery.

PNS is also looking for a board member. The position will require four meetings per year that are held in Beaver, OK.

Question was asked on the use of the kitchen by other people. In the past, that was not allowed, but now that a state law has changed, the kitchen can be used with approval.

Brochures, information and donation slips were passed to those present.

Jada Breeden

Respectfully submitted

Approved