



General Membership Meeting

Monday, February 4, 2019 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Ambassador Restaurant

Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:** Lucinda Ray offered the prayer. Larry Buehler led the pledge of allegiance. The Panhandle Chamber Singers sang the National Anthem. Allison Gipe opened the meeting at 12:11 pm.

- II. **Review of January 7, 2019 General Meeting Minutes:** Larry Buehler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Lucinda Ray seconded the motion; motion carried.

- III. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Ambassadors Report** – Larry Buehler reported that the Ambassadors enjoyed the Leadership Guymon reception.

Larry Buehler was recognized by the Guymon City Council for receiving the Presidential Award for Community Service.
 - b. **Ag Committee Report** – Jada Breeden stated that the Excellence In Ag Experience will be held on Thursday, February 7. The event honors the producers and businesses who keep the agriculture industry operating. Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who are pursuing a degree in agriculture.
 - c. **Student Chamber Committee Report** – Julie Maytum reported that the Student Chamber is currently in the planning stages of a Penny Carnival scheduled for March 30.
 - d. **Rodeo Committee Report** – Mitch Egger reported that the Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo Committee has had two successful fundraisers - Progressive Gun Draw and the 14th Annual Rodeo Dance & Draw Down. There is one last drawing for the Progressive Gun Draw. The Rodeo Dance & Draw Down changed some things – heavy hors d’oeuvres, \$3,500 payout, different band, seating/dance area and door prizes.

The Rodeo Committee is building a succession plan for Directors and Chairmen.
 - e. **OPSU Report** – Dr. Blanton reported that the university has increased enrollment by 7%; this is the third consecutive semester for the increase.

The university recently received a \$1 million grant to help fund the Panhandle Promise Scholarship. This scholarship is offered to students seeking a degree in education and that will sign a promissory note to teach in the Oklahoma Panhandle. Currently, there are an average of eight education graduates per year.

The OPSU Top Hand Auction raised \$37,000 for the Rodeo Team. The OPSU Doc Gardner Memorial Rodeo will be April 24 – 27, 2019. The Oklahoma Board of Regents will be on campus during this year’s rodeo.

OPSU athletics are improving under the NAIA division.

The Shooting Sports Complex construction phase will begin following meetings with the contractors and engineers.

The OPSU Phi Beta Lambda “Perfect Pairing” event will be on Thursday, February 7. This is a fundraiser for the Business Club for travel expenses associated with the club’s competition schedule.

OPSU Paul Ferrel Memorial Art Auction is scheduled for Friday, March 1, at the Pickle Creek Center. Tickets are available online through Eventbrite.

IV. Upcoming Chamber Events:

- a. *Excellence In Ag Experience* – 5:30 pm, Thursday, February 7, Pickle Creek Center
- b. *Leadership Guymon, Community Leadership Session* – Friday, February 8.
- c. *Leadership Guymon, Municipal Government Session* – Thursday, February 14

V. Community Events:

- a. Methodist Men's Ground Hog Day Supper – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm & 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Monday, February 4, VMUMC Enrichment Center
- b. Shop & Dine – 4:00 – 7:00 pm, Thursday, February 7, downtown Guymon
- c. Recycling Conversation – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Sat., February 9, Main Street Guymon Office, 116 NE 5th St.
- d. Main Street Guymon Awards Night – Tuesday, February 19
- e. Zumbathon – 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Friday, February 22, Texas County Family YMCA
- f. Livin' Green 5K, 10K & Half Marathon – Saturday, March 9, 120 NE 5th St.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. Community Kudos Presentation: Mitch Egger was presented with the January 2019 Community Kudos Award. He received his certificate from Main Street Guymon Director, Melyn Johnson and Guymon Chamber of Commerce Board President, Allison Gipe.

VIII. Adjourn: Denise Lunt-Rothschopf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Melyn Johnson seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm. The March General Membership Meeting will be on Monday, March 4, 2019, 12:00 p.m. at the Ambassador Restaurant.

IX. Presentation: OPSU Choir

The OPSU Chamber Singers sang three pieces for our enjoyment.

Jada Breeden

Respectfully submitted

Approved