

**POWELL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Minutes are from the November 7, 2014 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Therese Hunt, Linda Spaulding, Patty Cowan, Heidi Rome, Marge Bloomquist and Dave Williams.

Also present: John Zurak, Julie Schroeder, Sarah Bannon, Sandy Pettey and Jacque Lavelle

- John Zurak introduced Julie Schroeder and said that Shirley Cortright will be going to MDT next week. Julie spoke about 2 new grants that are available via the Job Service. Workers who are laid off can get up to 90% of their wages at a new employer paid for up to 6 months. Also a grant is available to pay for college tuition. Ends in September 2016

Bob called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm

A motion to accept the minutes as presented for June, July, August, September and October 2014 was proposed by Patty and seconded by T. Motion carried.

- **Secretary's Report** – Dave reported membership stands at 81. Inquiries were down 30 to 56, 19 phone calls, 9 emails and 28 office visits. Mailed out 1 visitor pack. Website statistics were up at 1,046,334 hits (+85,688), 1,008,410 page views (+87,204) and 16,879 unique visitors (-684). 968 pdfs were downloaded (+617).

Dave read out a letter received from the Deer Lodge City Police Dept. announcing the Child Safety Program, asking for donations/sponsorship.

- **Chamber Banquet** – Tuesday November 18th at the Broken Arrow, the speaker will be Mayor Zane Cozby. Griz/Cat tickets will be available for auction thanks to the river radio. The posters are out and tickets available from Valley Foods and Keystone Drug for \$25 each. Looking for Chamber Member of the Year suggestions, discussion followed and it was agreed not to have an award in this category unless Dave heard from the members by Monday. Jan and Gloria providing some door prizes, Linda and T will work the door this year.

- **Christmas Stroll** – Ad in the Silver State will run next week (for Christmas Cash), then miss a week before running till December 17th issue. River Radio will run ads from next week. Stroll buttons will be ready to go to the stores on November 19th.

- **Board of Directors Election** – Linda agreed to run for re-election, Darryl is not sure, don't know about Rocky, but Linda will talk to him. Heidi will chair the nominations committee, with T, Linda and Bob assisting.

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – Jacque thanked the Chamber for their \$350 sponsorship of the Pumpkins, 1,500 were purchased and all were gone by 3 pm. Their biggest event ever, with 3053 people. The October visitor numbers were the highest in history, at 4253. People came from all over the State. Suggestions were made to hold it on Saturday to benefit local businesses who close on Sunday. The Vintage Days event at the Fairgrounds helped with the parking. The Holiday Open House will be on December 7th from 1 till 4 pm. Only 65 last year due to the extreme cold.

- **Old Prison Museum** – Sandy said they had a great Halloween, 5 days saw 1781 people attend the Creepshow, run by the Cutler Bros. Lots from out of town due to Facebook ads, classifieds and newspaper coverage. Tours took 10 to 20 minutes; changes will be made next year with more stations and a band playing in the yard or theater. The Christmas Festival is on December 5th, looking for donations for decorations and food.

- **Job Service** – John will report back on the Philipsburg Chamber discussion next month

- **Other Business** – T asked about rotating the Board Meetings between Broken Arrow and new member Muriah's.

Patty made a motion to adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Heidi. Meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm