

Harrington Community Groups Forum

October 23, 2017

At the Harrington Opera House

Facilitated by Karen Robertson

AGENDA:

- 7 PM Welcome :-}
- Round Table Introductions & **BRIEF** Representative Presentations
 - Name – any group/business associations
 - **IF you are the Representative of a group/business, include**
 - **Purpose/Description**
 - **Hi-lights of past year**
 - **Plans/Goals for upcoming year**
- Group Agreement for remaining time
 - Post list of questions
 - Post Items for potential additional details to be provided or BRIEFLY Discussed
 - Prioritization/Selection based on time agreement
- Address selected question/topics
- 8:00 pm (or?) Wrap-up Meeting Portion
- 8:00 – 8:15 (No later than 8:30) Visiting & Networking
Connect with those who can answer questions or provide more information
Help with clean-up appreciated!

Justin Bradford – Harrington School – Focused on helping all Harrington students to achieve their best. Goals include growth of the Student Body, increasing community involvement, and Acquiring Grants to put toward building and resource improvements.

Mark Kruger – Representative of Shop Program

Travis Bradford – Student Body, FFA Rep – Christmas Tree Sale coming up, Added members this past year.

Bonnie Clarke – Nazarene (community) Youth Group Ages 6-12. Sundays at 6pm, Harrington Nazarene. Open to All. Also **Food Bank**: Nourish physically, spiritually, the community and surrounding areas through food and fellowship. Has gone well, a large number of families, (20 families on Fridays). Goals: Become more community led, and a possible big goal is securing a building and become more visible in the community.

Shannon Sewell: PTA Member

Audra Christianson – PTA Member

Heather Slack – Representing the PDA. Also a member of HHPC, Chamber, and a local business owner. The Public Development Authority Supports local businesses and opportunities. Responsible for securing funding for Fiber installation in Business Dist. Assist during community events. Co-Sponsoring a lecture with Peter Davenport and MUFON Representative at the end of October. Going forward, looking to install permanent Sign on edge of town with a removable insert to promote various town events. Projected for May 2018.

Karen Allen – HHPC: We encourage Historic Preservation and support continued economic development in Harrington. Currently reorganizing, meeting quarterly, primary goal is to get actively involved in a community project (empty lot, or other important hands-on project in town)

Paula Pike – PTA Representative (Also Chamber, Homemakers, Booster club) PTA is about the children and the future of our community. Last year we raised money and organized replacement of School Curtains. Year before: Playground equipment. This year, Scholarships are a focus. Sponsoring a Christmas Bazaar, and looking for vendors.

Bunny Haugan – City, PDA, Chamber

Marge Womack – Odessa Record News

Sharon Kruger – FBLA Rep - Developing Student leaders, opportunities for competition, and cultivate business skills in Harrington HS Students. Organized Fun Run during Fall Fest, \$1900 raised for the club. Turkey Bingo is next, Sunday the 12th of Nov. @ 1pm. Other fund raisers throughout the year. Interested in picking up a community service activity.

Rollie Behrens – Golf Course representative. We are a Member Owned course open for public play. We had a successful campaign for helping the Golf Course last year. Thank you to Community. Membership is down, and member dues alone cannot support the full course operations. We are hoping we won't have to ask again, but a big thank you goes out to the Friends of the course.

Tim Tipton – RV Park Owner, Chamber President. RV Park had its busiest year this past 2017 season. Chamber promotes businesses and events. We have been sending out a newsletter keeping Harrington citizens up to date, and we sponsor the Cruzin' Harrington Beer Garden. We provide a scholarship to a Harrington HS Student, and Paula has organized a Hurricane Relief fund for affected areas. The Chamber provides holiday goodie bags, and supports clean up days ahead of town-wide events. Sweep sidewalks, clean windows, pull weeds. This past year we reconditioned and installed signs at two entrances of Harrington. Goals: Thank you for visiting Harrington addition to back of entrance signs. All our normal activities, and also improve our online presence, with a new website. Also, develop a plan to present to the council to do something with the Vacant Lot on the corner of Willis and 3rd Street downtown. Results from a survey indicated the desire for a grassy area, places to sit, flowers. Chamber also selects Yard of the Month, to honor citizens who take pride in the appearance of their yards and homes.

Stephen Hardy – Lions Club Treasurer, Community Church

Lamar Larmer: AD, School, Alumni Supporting present and past students of Harrington

Susan Larmer– Library Board: In process of revamping library to make more user friendly, and has also been providing after school programs for school students on a monthly basis.

Linda Wagner – Opera House, Homemakers, PEO.

PEO is a philanthropic organization with national ties, celebrating the advancement of women and motivate women to achieve more. The PEO helped sponsor summer reading program, holiday events, donating toward needs, and provide a scholarship. Highlight was a celebration of 100th anniversary, and offering scholarships. We are excited to provide help to community needs. Homemakers: Started through WSU extension, but now more community service oriented. Primary Money Making: event booths and community calendars. Maintain the triangle park at north entrance of town, support Lions and projects. The PEO is a group that takes pride in fulfilling needs. Responding to disasters or hardship. Miss Harrington pageants.

Opera House – Celebrated 25 years of the society. Installed an elevator, countless hours donated for refinishing and restoring the building. Goals. Our challenge: we have a building to maintain. It is a large building. We are hoping to grow membership and fulfill needs. Our goal is to stay financially sound, find people to join us in efforts, and bring opportunities for the arts to this building.

Jenny Mallery – Harrington Community Meals (serve btw 50-70 people) Our goal is to have plates silverware, and sponsor the Harrington Food Mart. We want to feed as many people as can come, and offer a chance for those without families to spend their holidays in good company. Lincoln County Hospital, and Pharmacy support the organization. Breakfast with the Mayor, first on October

Cherie MacClellan – A Resident

Dillon Haas – Mayor – The City is recovering from one of the most intensive construction seasons in a long time. Not only did we experience a 40 year Natural Gas pipeline replacement, but we also used City Developmental funds to replace 800ft of Waterline, Looped the Water infrastructure in a way to provide for lower long term maintenance, and oversaw a \$645,000 TIB Funded Street reconstruction of south 2nd street. Our goals for this coming year are to work on internal efficiency. We will continue to cut costs, and improve infrastructure, and we are looking to capitalize on an income survey conducted this past month. The pursuit of funding for large scale and expensive improvements to our water system rely on those steps being completed, and we are marching ever closer. We are also adjusting to our newly designated Apple Maggot Quarantine by the USDA, and we will be negotiating a new service contract for garbage hauling in the upcoming months.

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