

Minutes of the General Meeting, September 5th, 2025

Bill Wilson called the meeting to order. Twenty-two members and a guest were present.

Bill Wilson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roy Meyer led the members in Prayer.

Bill Wilson led the group in singing "Let's Sing with Pride."

Program

Ed Ahrens shared thoughts on September as membership month. It's our time to renew annual memberships and transition into a new Kiwanis year. Our members strive to grow our membership numbers. To achieve this, we must first focus on retaining and nurturing current members. This creates an environment where visitors feel welcomed by our work and friendships.

Retain

- Update about Kiwanis and Volunteering
 - Kiwanis Kollege TX-OK PowerPoint Presentation
 - Member Resource Handbook (same material as Kiwanis Kollege with extra articles)
 - Kiwanis TX-OK Kiwanis Kollege Video (10 years old but good information)
 - Importance of Volunteering, Serving Children, and Other Articles

Nurture

- Involve members in activities
 - Create teams and a culture of friendships to work on service or fundraising activities together.
 - Procedures are available to make organizing activities easier.
 - Kiwanis Cares Stay in touch with each other to share communication, activities, and meeting information.

Grow

- Two for Two Two members invite two friends to a meeting each month
- Elevator speech about our club.
- Just the Facts reference guide.
- Communications with our Robson Community
 - HOA Announcements Message Board
 - Facebook and other social media sites
 - Newsletters Websites Pioneer Press articles



Pam Hitch has volunteered to serve as the Membership Chairperson and be the main contact for potential new members.

Susan and Jim Galbraith will continue hosting "Welcome to Kiwanis" receptions for new members or those still seeking more information about our club.

Club Business Items

- Ed Ahrens reported that September's Our Daily Bread volunteer days will be on Monday, September 8th, Wednesday, September 10th, and Friday, September 12th. Thanks for the outstanding member support for this program.
- Comfort Dolls will meet on September 24th at the CATC.
- Barbara Leurig reported that Trivia Night was another success and thanked all the members for their efforts.
- Bingo ticket sales are ongoing on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of next week. Sales are looking good for the Sunday, September 14th, Bingo.

Announcements and Reminders

- The club will host a Social-Burger Night on Wednesday, September 24th, at the Wildhorse Grill from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. The cost per member will be \$12.00, and guests will also pay \$12.00. Please sign up with Roy Meyer.
- Bill read a letter of appreciation from the Valley View Kiwanis Club for our club's donation toward the Disaster Backpack program. They invited our members to participate in assembling the backpacks.
- Bill reminded everyone that September is membership month and that the annual dues are due before the end of September.
- Jim Galbraith announced the DISD Grandparent invitation to a football game.
- Barbara Leurig shared an invitation to attend Bob's House of Hope Gala.
- Susan Galbraith shared the information about the October 5th Cancer Walk.

Club Member Updates

- Birthdays for September Vern Smith, September 6^{th,} and
- Chris Hagen, September 21st

Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Submitted - Ed Ahrens