

## **Minutes for Okmulgee Main Street Board of Directors**

May 15, 2025

8:00 a.m. Mabrey Community Room

### **Attendees:**

Andy Goodnight  
Mary Lewellen  
Emily Oldham  
Sarah Rhodes

Chris Azbell  
Margaret Hess  
Katie McElhaney  
Randi Jackson

Rusty Milroy  
Adrian Tuggle  
Ryan Logan

### **Excused:**

Christy Brasier

Jill Rhodes

### **Unexcused:**

Christie Baldrige

### **Minutes:**

Regular meeting April 17, 2025. Margaret moved and Rusty seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Special "called" meeting, April 25, 2025. Margaret moved and Adrian seconded to approve. Motion carried.

### **Financials:**

Adrian moved and Katie seconded to approve the financials for April. Motion carried.

### **Director's Comments:**

No report

### **Old Business:**

Main Street Day at the Capital was successful with several conversations with other Main Street groups and legislators. House Bill 2407 was not appropriated but will stay active for consideration next session. We will need to contact our new Senator, Bryan Logan, to lobby for its passage next year.

Kennedy building clean out will be Friday, May 16 from 11-2:00 in collaboration with the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce. Dayton Casselman has donated a roll-off dumpster and disposal in return for a year's membership in Main Street and Chamber. Jeremy Parchman loaned us his chute for 2nd story removal of trash.

### **New Business:**

The application for a new director will be posted on Indeed and other Social Media as well as the national website. Main Street will purchase newspaper space for a press release.

Margaret moved and Rusty seconded to use GSA for per diem rates for future use concerning National Conference and other training sessions for our director.

Juneteenth - Main Street previously committed to be a sponsor, John Byars and Tonya Bowie are heading up the celebration. The digital billboard on Hwy 75 will be used for advertisement.

Christmas Village - a proposal and budget are currently being calculated. It will kick off the day of the Parade, December 4, and be open Thursday - Saturday for 2 weekends. The roads around the Square will be blocked off on 3 sides, not 6th Street. Letters will go out to business owners next week concerning parking.

**Committee Chairs:****Organization:**

Tickets are now available for "Dinner With the Stars" to be held Friday, June 6 at OSUIT in the outdoor kitchen area. Tickets can be purchased on-line or by dropping by the Main Street office. Board members are encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$100 per person, Board members may purchase 2 tickets for \$50 each. 2 drink tickets will be included per person. Mary will provide several small floral arrangements to be sold or auctioned at the end of the evening, Rusty has ordered acrylic star trophies for honorees. Patrons Bank and Kelco have agreed to be sponsors at \$750.00 each. Tyler Roberds will be preparing videos of all award recipients for \$1500, to be presented that evening. Videos will be filmed on the stage at the Orpheum Theater. He will edit down to 3 minutes per recipient to be shared that evening. New internet carrier, Blue Peak, has expressed interest in donating and becoming involved in downtown activities. Okmulgee Rotary will donate a raffle item as they have in the past. Last years' attendees will be contacted to encourage their attendance this year.

\* Due to OSUIT having a recent change in alcohol consumption on campus, cocktail hour will be held at Brasier's Bar from 5:00 - 6:45 with drink tickets to be used on site. Main Street will reimburse Brasiers.

**Promotions:**

Promotions is working closely with the Organization Committee on "Dinner With the Stars". 60 tickets sold is the goal with hope of selling more if needed. Menu and list of honorees will be posted on Social Media. Our meal cost is around \$35/head. Chelsea will set up an on-line link to purchase tickets.

**EV:**

Money has been raised for the design and maquette for the Will Sampson statue. EV members will be meeting with Sapulpa city officials, Chamber and Main Street to share ideas about their recent success in downtown Sapulpa.

Our work on being the liaison with the City of Okmulgee for any movie and films is continuing as well as pushing ideas to boost retail interest downtown.

The Archway Project is still under consideration.

**Design:**

The umbrellas have been removed from Umbrella Alley and lights were strung. Umbrellas will be donated to schools, churches, businesses as well as leaving some in the Main Street office.

**Community Update:**

**GCTC** - There were 167 graduates this past semester. The millage vote recently passed to expand campus facilities. GCTC is "over enrolled" and has run out of space to expand their programs.

**Muscogee Nation:**

The Nation has been given 1,000 Tulsa Driller Baseball tickets to share in conjunction with the 49th Annual Creek Festival, June 26-29 (Thursday - Sunday). Because of work taking place at Harmon Stadium, several venues have changed. The Jr. Olympics will be moved to Beggs. Softball will be moved to Preston and the City Fields. They are currently taking bids from organizations for clean up. A Time Capsule will be installed. Parking may pose an issue this year due to construction on the new Industrial Park to the south.

**OSUIT:**

No report, students are out on break

**City:**

The old Western Sizzlin' Sirloin property on Hwy 75 has recently sold and will be razed. 7 Brew Coffee will be opening soon.

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Marketing for The Pecan Festival, October 10 & 11, 2025 is under way. Downtown activities will take place Friday evening with activities being moved to The Omniplex for Saturday. Check the new Chamber website at [OkmulgeeChamber.org](http://OkmulgeeChamber.org).

**High School:**

School is out for the summer, however, students will travel to the Tulsa Performing Arts Center on May 28 for "Wicked".

**YMCA:**

The YMCA will take over the Okmulgee Community Center on September 1 with the blessings of Main Street and the City. No reservations will be accepted by Main Street after August 31.

The Board will meet on June 20, 8:00 a.m. in the Mabrey Community Room.