



Board of Directors
Annual Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Clawson, President
John Gallegos, Vice Pres.
Melvina Skinner, Secretary
Margie Gardner, Treasurer
Helen Hollar
Michael Matthews
Candi Hill
John Haberman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Berg

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT

Johnnie DeLeon, Chief Executive Officer
Rosa Salo, Chief Financial Officer
240 + **InspirationField** Staff, Individuals and
Community Members

Welcome

DeLeon welcomed everyone to the **InspirationField** 2015 Annual Board Meeting/Dinner.

Blessing

Father Matthew Wertin said a blessing for the 2015 Annual Board Meeting/Dinner.

Moment of Silence

Caitlin Coffield asked the crowd to join in a moment of silence to remember an individual and employee who have passed on.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Clawson at 6:30 p.m. Clawson welcomed guests to the **InspirationField** Board of Directors 2015 Annual Dinner/Meeting.

Election of Officers

Clawson asked for nominations for Board officers. Gallegos nominated that all current members stay the same with Clawson as President, Gallegos as Vice-President, Skinner as Secretary and Gardner as Treasurer.

Motion was made by Gallegos and seconded by Hill and carried unanimously to retain the same officers. (Clawson as President, Gallegos as Vice-President, Skinner as Secretary, and Gardner as treasurer.)

Board Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. and the Annual Dinner continued.

Outstanding Volunteer Recognition

Outstanding volunteers were named by Coffield. These volunteers have donated countless hours ranging from meetings, planning, and helping in our stores.

Coffield thanked Mabel DeLeon, Johnnie DeLeon Sr., Jan DeLeon, Jerry Henderson, and Sally Kelly who donate their time on a weekly basis at Global Treasurz in La Junta.

Each volunteer was presented a thank you card and a \$50 gift card.

DeLeon thanked the La Junta Tiger Sharks for serving the drinks for the dinner and asked them all to come on the stage and presented them with a \$100 donation check.

“When You Say Nothing at All”

Records Technician Kristel VonWeller sang a song.

“Firework”

Church presented a Slideshow showing all the pictures of the past year’s events for the children program.

Friends of IF Recognition

DeLeon presented an **InspirationField** statue to a group of outstanding board members past and present, volunteers, and host home providers for their dedication to the agency while showing a PowerPoint of all their hard work they have given to **InspirationField**. Inductees were: Jim Clawson, John Gallegos, Margie Gardner, Melvina Skinner, Steve Berg, Helen Hollar, Francie Haberman, Bob Samaniego, Curtis Peacock, Anthony DeHerrera, Midge Cranson, Dwight Gardner, Jim Wallace, Scott Monarco, Johnnie DeLeon Sr., Mabel DeLeon, Larry Hollar, Dorean and Eldon Gierhan, John and Kathy Mestas, and La Junta Tribune-Democrat.

Team IF

Coffield presented a Slideshow showing all the pictures throughout the agency of trips, events, etc. from the past year.

Client Recognition Awards

Church presented a Slideshow of all the nominees for the Client Recognition Awards which included: Most Enthusiastic: Martin Masar, Most Independent: Kip Morgan, Most Improved Work Skills: Malachi Gonzales and Community Service Award: Morton Gauna. Church and Denahy presented the winners with a certificate and \$125 cash.

“Draw Me Close to You”

Case Manager Lynette Ramirez played a song on her saxophone.

InspirationField Board Member Recognition

DeLeon and Coffield presented the IF Board of Directors, ARKVA House Board members, AVCC Housing Board members, and Prairieview Housing Board members with a thank you card, and a \$25 gift card for their continued service to **InspirationField** and individuals with developmental disabilities.

Inspiration Award

2015 Inspiration Award was presented by Salo. Salo recognized each nominee and presented each with a plaque. Nominees: Nikki Bjork and Julie Fernandez were recognized as winners of the quarterly nomination for 2015. Salo shared a video recording in which staff and individuals praised each of the candidates for their continued service and dedication to the agency. Each nominee received a recognition award of \$100 during the quarter in which they were nominated. The recipients of the Inspiration Award received an additional \$500 and a plaque of recognition. The 2015 Inspiration Award recipient was Julie Fernandez.

“What Child Is This”

Community Supports Director Kidron Backes sang a song.

Open Public Forum

Julia Hoepfner opened the Public Forum to the public for comments. Many individuals in service gave thanks and appreciation to one another and wished all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

“God’s Not Dead”

The winning act from the 2015 St. Patrick’s Day Talent Show performed a routine in sign language.

Chief Executive Officer Closing Comments

DeLeon thanked everyone for attending the 2015 Annual Meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. DeLeon asked that everyone look under their chair for a ticket, which indicated they won the centerpiece at their table. DeLeon asked the crowd to reflect on their lives, think of their dreams or any goals they have while he played Silent Night.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at **InspirationField**, 612 Adams Ave. La Junta, CO, Tiger Field Room.

Respectfully, submitted by Caitlin Coffield, Community Relations Director

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