



## **General Membership Meeting**

**March 23, 2016**

**12:00 pm**

Meeting called to order @ 12:02pm

Lunch (11:30am-12:00pm) today provided by Daniel's Kitchen

**Attendees:** Leslie McCracken, Clay Graham, Dorothy Hanson, Linda Hierholzer, Chandra Dodd, Jason Dodd, Chelsea Thorne, Roy Sample, Arlie Sample, Toby Freeman, Whitney Stohr, Theresa McBride, Debbie McGuire, Debbie Heide, Tracy Jewett, Barb Petrea, Andrew Potter, Gay Parker, Jean Brown, Mike Reese, Shannon Reese, Sherry Raymond, Glenda Frazier.

**Introductions:** Everyone introduced themselves

**Minutes:** February minutes reviewed, motion to approve by Tracy Jewett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roy Sample

VP Clay Graham introduced **Main Speaker:**

### **Toby Freeman, Pacific Power & Light**

- PP&L supports the community with grants and sponsorships across Washington, Oregon & California.
- Environmental Stewardship; they actively promote restoration, conservation & forest re-vegetation and mgmt.
- Additional programs/topics: Blue Sky Habitat, Elk Habitat, 2015 IRP Update Energy Mix Outlook, Renewables.
- Prices Remain an excellent value.
- Selah has a very important sub-station at Pomona Heights
- talked about the 2 major outages in Selah in 2013; caused by groups of doves that made their home on specific wires that caused power outage. Steps have now been implemented (plastic covers on important wires) to protect the doves and the wires.
- Barb P asked if wires will be put underground; Toby: no, as the cost of doing it as well as locating any kind of repair needed is more difficult.
- Spoke about energy efficient programs that are available.

### **Spotlight Speaker:**

#### **Selah Sweets – Lisa Graham**

- handcrafted candy shop in Selah, opened just over a year ago
- located on 1<sup>st</sup> St next to Bruce Sears State Farm
- They have 6 standard flavors of fudge, they have done creative fudges in the past like jalapeno.
- 10 flavors of caramels, hope to get up to 54 flavors.
- just added truffles!, offer shaved ice in spring & summer.
- they also have Tourism section in the back of the store, souvenirs available.
- Offer pictures with characters at certain holidays of the year, ie. Cupid @ Valentine's day, Leprecahn @ St Patrick's Day.

### **Additional Speakers:**

Barb Petrea spoke about event coming up "Bounce 4 Kids", event on April 7<sup>th</sup>, sponsor a bouncy house (to watch the kids) gets a free table for your business.

Selah School Transportation, Debbie McGuire & Debbie Heide – spoke about a special event they had a couple weeks ago and they wanted to especially thank King's Row & Brian Harris for generous donations as well as others who supported this event.

-Watch their You Tube Video on bus safety "Stop in the Name of the Law" put on by Selah Transportation employees

**BAH – Clay Graham**

**Next BAH: March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Beltone Hearing 5:30-7pm (tonight)**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> – Pastime Tavern 5:30-7pm**

**UPDATES:**

-Tracy updated everyone on the Chamber's new website facilitator Townsquare Media. The new site is up and running and is under [selahchamber.org](http://selahchamber.org).

-The New Selah Chamber Logo plaques will be assembled by this summer in time for everyone to renew their membership and will receive the new plaque when membership has been paid.

-shared the poster for Selah Community Days 3 "Feed" events; Hobo Feed, Potato Feed, Pancake Feed. Kiwanis has volunteered to pay for the posters if the Selah Chamber and Selah Covenant passes them out.

**-Spotlight speaker** for next month : Dorothy Hanson, Integrative Health Coach

**-50/50 Winner** of \$34.00 – Debbie McGuire -

Notes by GF