



InspirationField Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2023 / 5:30 pm

612 Adams Avenue, La Junta, CO / Commons Room

1. Welcome

DeLeon welcomed everyone to the **InspirationField** 2023 Annual Banquet and Dinner.

2. Blessing

Tony C. blessed the food and thanked everyone for coming.

3. Call to Order

A. Members Present

Elaine McIntyre Board President

Jennifer Snyder Board Member

Steve Berg Secretary

Margie Gardner Board Member

B. Members Absent

Nate Clem Board Member

Pat Finkner Treasure

C. Staff Present

DeLeon and Baylor, and 150+ **InspirationField** staff, individuals and community members

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

4. Call to Order

McIntyre called the meeting to order at 6:28pm and welcomed everyone for the evening. McIntyre thanked all of the employees for all of the care they provide. McIntyre thanked her family and all of the Board of Directors. McIntyre stated the postponement of Election of Officers. Currently waiting to hear back from potential candidates and will complete this at a later date. McIntyre thanked DeLeon for all of his hard work and devotion. McIntyre reviewed the Annual Report placed on the tables to review events over the last year. McIntyre thanked Baylor for the support during board meetings and minutes and helping out in community relations. McIntyre recognized all board members.

McIntyre asked for a motion to accept the annual report. Motion made by Berg and seconded by Gardner and carried unanimously to approve.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

5. Volunteer Recognition

Outstanding volunteers were named by Baylor. Two volunteers were recognized for the countless hours they have given in the kitchen and singing/playing music for the individuals to enjoy. Baylor and DeLeon presented Melinda Wahl and Bruce Perkins with a gift card.

6. "Summer Nights"

Baylor introduced MacKenzie Gallegos and Jonathan Snyder St. Patrick's Day Talent Show Winners of 2023.

7. Children's Program A Year in Review- by Brittany Baylor

Baylor presented the slide show of the events during the last year for the children's program.

8. Adult's Program A Year in Review- by Brittany Baylor

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9. Individual Recognition Awards

Baylor presented a slideshow of all the nominees for the Individual Recognition Awards. The winners were: Brightest Star - MacKenzie Gallegos , Take Charge - Stacy Parkhurst , Excellence - Richard Marintez and Outstanding Citizen - Hanna Grauberger.

10. "House of the Rising Son/Amazing Grace"

by Kristi Bohrer Michael Mora and Bruce Perkins

11. InspirationField Board Member Recognition

DeLeon and Baylor presented the IF Board of Directors, ARKVA Housing Board members, AVCC Housing Board members and Prairieview Housing Board members with gift certificates from Sweet Inspirations Catering for their continued service to **InspirationField** and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

12. "A Baby Changes Everything"

by Kristi Bohrer Michael Mora and Bruce Perkins

13. Inspiration Award

2023 Inspiration Award was presented by Salzbrenner. Salzbrenner recognized each nominee by sharing a video created by staff and individual messages praising each staff member. Each nominee received a recognition award of \$100. The recipient of the Inspiration Award received \$500 and a plaque of recognition. The 2023 Inspiration Award recipient was Steven Morales.

14. Open Public Forum

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

15. Chief Executive Officer Closing Comments

DeLeon restated that Case Management has shifted over to the Otero Department of Human Services. DeLeon brought out the kitchen staff from Sweet Inspirations Catering to thank them for the preparation of the meal. DeLeon thanked everyone for attending the 2023 Annual Banquet and Dinner and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. DeLeon asked the crowd to reflect on their lives, think of their dreams or any goals they have while the song "Silent Night" played.

The next scheduled meeting will be January 8, 2024 at 1:00 pm in Tiger Field.

Respectfully, submitted by Brittany Baylor, Community Relations Director.

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