Okauchee Area Business Association

MINUTES: Tuesday, February 3, 2026

I. Call Meeting to Order 12:00 Noon, Pledge of Allegiance

II. Previous Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

III. Treasurer's Report - APPROVED

IV. Introductions: Guests and New Members
V. Lunch provided by: The American Legion. Thank you!

VI. New Business & Committee Reports

1. President's Comments
   - Reminder to pay your 2026 dues. If you are having difficulties signing in online, please reach out to Brianna.

2. 2026 Budget - APPROVED
   - Included an increased amount from $300 to $600 to the American Legion this year to redo the floors.

3. Payment Plans for Donors
   - The Okauchee Lions Club and the Oconomowoc Chamber as examples to allow for payment plans (monthly or quarterly) to make it simpler for businesses and individuals to make larger donations ongoing throughout the year. Possibly call them "Donations" rather than "Sponsorships".

4. Changing to a 501c3 from a 501c6
   - Do we start anew or simply try to convert? Should we change our name (to something similar to our current name) and rewrite our mission statement and bi-laws and apply as a new organization? What is the OABA? A Chamber or a BID? It's more of a BID, and not a Chamber. The 501c3 would make it so that individuals could donate to the OABA and their contributions would be considered a charitable donation tax-writeoff.

5. Street Dance Committee
   - One or two headliner bands? One or two stages? Likely one headliner band and one stage at this point.

6. Dinner Dance Committee
   - New online Silent Auction software is in the works.

7. Scholarship Committee

- Sandy proposed a Culinary-specific Scholarship and is seeking direction. Bryant and Sandy will connect.

VII. Open Floor to Members

VIII. Next Meeting Date – March 3rd Lunch Volunteers - To Be Assigned - A Lunch Calendar will be emailed to have “groups of volunteers” assigned to bring lunch items for each meeting (not the entire meal) to break it up.

IX. Meeting Adjourned TIME: 12:45pm

Committee Chair

- Scholarship: Chair Sandy Schick, Deb Groskopf, Patty Napgezek
- Marketing & Membership: Chair Jen Smith, Barb Millard, Ashley Bielik, Briana Smith
- Community Development: Erik Mullett, Hans Weissgerber, Bob Hultquist, Tim Michelic, Jeff Herrmann
- Budget Committee: Chair Deb Groskopf, Gale Zastrow, Patty Napgezek
- Strategic Planning: Erik Mullett, Ashley Bielik, Jen Smith, Zack Poker, Joe Agathen, Joe and Ellen Hennes, Diane Fenske

2026 OABA Meeting Calendar	
January - No Meeting	July 7, 2026
February 3, 2026	August 4, 2026
March 3, 2026	September 1, 2026
April 7, 2026	October 6, 2026
May 6, 2026	November 3, 2026
June 2, 2026	December 1, 2026