The Perkins County Health Service Foundation Annual Meeting was held at the Grant Senior Center Tuesday, April 10.

Board members in attendance were Dan and wife Charlottie Wallin, Bob Cummings, Michele Cutler, Eric Gengenbach, Mary Dodson, Lori Day, Brenda and husband, Bob Kiolbasa.

Administrator Jody Snogren office assistant Val Foster were also on hand to welcome past board members, past administrator Ron Patrick and wife Gloria, and the faithful foundation donors.

Invocation was given by Bob Cummings. A dinner of roast beef, scalloped potatoes, green beans and homemade dinner rolls was followed by ice cream and cake baked by Lori Day.

The official meeting was led by a treasurer's report from Bob Cummings. Grants, scholarships and loans issued by PCHSF totaled $99,255.50 for 2011.

Some of the equipment purchased with PCHSF funds were a new mammography machine, a second colonoscope, a free-motion machine, cross training machine and many other pieces of miscellaneous equipment. Special recognition was given to the many PCHS employees who generously give from their paychecks each month.

Chairman Dan Wallin gave his report which included highs and lows of the past year. He explained the process that transpired with the resignation of Ron Patrick and the hiring of the new administrator, Jody Snogren. Snogren then spoke briefly of her new position and recognized new donors.

Recognition of Patrick's 23-year commitment was given by Bob Cummings. A plaque was presented, as well as the announcement of a $250 scholarship for 10 years that has been established in Patrick's name. He thanked all the donors, which he has had a close and personal relationship with over a lot of years. He also thanked his wife, Gloria, for her support and love.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by several members of the Perkins County Schools speech team. Brenda Kiolbasa introduced duet acting teams of Allison Kiolbasa and Rebecca Johnson and Lexi Schmidt and Kylie Hanson. Brady Mailand gave his speech on the 'humor' found in the current airline flight restrictions.

The meeting was brought to a close with prayer by Dan Wallin.

The foundation now looks on to 2012 with anticipation and excitement for the projects and plans of the health services.

In the words of William James, "The great use of a life is to spend it for something that outlast it."