

# JMA Monthly Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, November 10, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm

Members Present - 12

Meeting Minutes from October 2016 accepted into the record.

Treasurer Report by Susan Horton: The JMA currently has \$1,266.08

## Old Business

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Boo-Who? Scarecrow Contest – Thanks to all of the Prize Basket donors, you helped make this an even better event. Winners were: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Elite Jewelry with the proposal; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Cool Springs Baptist Church with Cops Love All; 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Northstar Educational with Crow-B-Que. Have 2 different classes next year for the Scarecrows and separate the churches and organizations from the businesses.

Trick or Treat on Main Street – Largest crowds we have had in over ten years. Great weather brought out the county. Special Thanks to the Jasper Police Department and Jasper Fire Department for handling the huge crowds and keeping everything safe and fun.

Zombie Walk Jasper – Turnout was smaller, but larger crowd for the movie. Look at moving the Zombie Walk next year to a Saturday, and to a possible earlier date in the month to help with the possible colder nights. Thanks to Rob for the Zombie Truck and leading the event and Thanks to Tate Fire Department for the help in chasing the Zombie's out of town and for controlling traffic to the park.

Mandatory Parade Meeting – There is a mandatory Parade Meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 starting at 6:00pm in the Meeting Room at Jasper City Hall in Jasper off of Burnt Mountain Road, across from Chattahoochee Tech Campus. Anyone that is a part of or participating in the Parade must attend or have someone attend the meeting to go over our final details of the parade and to receive the assigned number for their place in the parade line-up.

Christmas Decorations – We are scheduled to meet in Downtown Jasper in front of the County Courthouse on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at 1pm to begin the setting up the decorations that will go on the Courthouse lawn and to begin the planning and setting up the Christmas walk thru Wonderland scene at the small Jasper City Park located at S. Main Street and Spring Street. \*the location of the City of Jasper Christmas Light Tree.

Night of Lights – Update on things for the event.

Paul Poore - Parade Coordinator – Applications for Both the Parade Entries and Vendor Booths are both online now at the JMA FB pages and can be picked up at Horton's Pet Supply.

Applications have been hand delivered and given out to large areas of businesses and other groups in the Jasper area. Article in this week's Progress has the new one page application in it.

Laurel McGuire - Vendor Chair – Send in your Vendor by November 25, 2016

Ava Rogers - Entertainment Chair – Anyone wishing to place a Banner with their corporation information on it along the Main Street Stage needs to contact Ava Rogers at WYYZ 1490AM.

There are 3 spots left and they are \$250 for an area.

Haley Bouchie – Decorations – Working on painting the sleigh and securing it better.

REFER TO THE SEPARATE 2016 NIGHT OF LIGHTS TO DO LIST

Membership Retention – Krista Kelly – We currently have 59 members

Membership Renewals (or) New Members: The Carriage House (renew), Mr. & Mrs. Claus of Georgia (new), Mountain City Auto Parts (renew), Jeanne In A Bottle (renew), Complete Cash (renew), Message Envy (renew), Your Turn Consignment (new), Ginny's Art Glass (new).

JMA Community Yard Sale – The next one is this November 12, 2016 at 98 Dean Goss Drive (Shiloh Baptist Church) and will start at 10am to 3pm. This is also a canned food drive for the food pantry at Maw & Paw's Biker Gear. It takes 2 cans of food to be a seller at the event. Buyers can bring canned food and redeem a maximum of 4 cans of food per purchase per seller for no more than \$1.00 off their purchase. All canned food or other donations will go to the food. Food and Drinks will be available by ALL-A-CART.

### **New Business**

Mobile Food Cart – The JMA has been approached to see if we would be interested in purchasing the mobile food cart that belongs to JMA member, ALL-A-CART. The JMA would then own outright the food cart and be able to provide food for any event(s) that we are the primary presenter of. The JMA would also be able to offer to serve or be the food vendor for other organizations events or we would be able to rent out the food cart to other organizations for them to use and make money off of. This opportunity is a big decision and we are putting this up for discussion and to be see if a motion and a vote will be made at the Annual Christmas Party in December.

JMA Christmas Party – As in year's past, the JMA will provide a Holiday Cooked Ham and Drinks. Members will be encouraged to bring a side dish. Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 6pm to 8pm at The Carriage House Restaurant located at 34 N. Main Street in Downtown Jasper. Susan Horton will be the Organizer for the Food. Please contact Susan Horton at [hhqk9@aol.com](mailto:hhqk9@aol.com) with any dishes you wish to bring so that we will not have multiples of the same items. Everyone is asked to bring a gift, can be cute, funny, or crazy and cost no more than \$10.00 to be a part of the Chinese Christmas Gift Exchange.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Date is set for Saturday, April 15, 2017 on a Saturday afternoon at Lee Newton Park. This event will be tied into 2 other large events for the community to make it more than just a show up and leave event. The Spring Fling will be run by a local church as they will also help with hiding the eggs and will be held in the back section of the park and the 2017 Spring Jasper Arts Fair will be held in the park-n-ride on Stegall.

Bark in the Park Jasper – is Saturday, April 8, 2017, from 10 to 3. This will be in conjunction with Relay For Life of Pickens County Yard Sale and the first Community Yard Sale of 2017.

Changes to the JMA Bylaws – The Bylaws have finally been updated and membership voted on changes since the inception of the JMA as an incorporated non-profit have been added or corrected. Paul will read over the Bylaws and highlight what changes were made. A motion will be made to accept the Bylaws as read and then submitted to the membership for review. Any suggested changes will be made and reviewed by the membership. At the Annual Christmas Party the membership will hear a motion to accept the Bylaws as is and entered into record. Motion made by Paul Poore for changes made to Bylaws, motion seconded by Marc Proudfoot. All members present approve motion. Motion move forwards.

#### **Open Forum From Members and Non-Members**

Horton's Pet Supply has been nominated for the Independent We Stand Small Business Award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm