



## **Jasper Merchants Association**

Meeting Minutes - Thursday, February 9, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

Members Present - 12

Meeting Minutes from November 2016 accepted into the record.

Treasurer Report by Susan Horton: The JMA currently has \$ 792.39

### **Old Business:**

Acknowledge everyone for the success of the Parade event.

The parade was successful, only two problems brought up; how to plan vendor area so that spots are already chosen on first come first served basis. This is how it will be done next year, per Haley. The other issue was throwing candy and it was said that the ones responsible were reprimanded and should not happen again.

December 15 - Membership voted to approve updated 2016 Bylaws. Membership approved current Secretary Paul Poore to step aside and become Member at Large, as Krista Kelley takes on full Secretary responsibilities.

### **New Business:**

New Member – Wingsology, Renewed – Coach's Cuts, Kirk Raffield

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. The Jasper Farmers Market will also be held on this Saturday.

Gabe Northern of Zoo-Ology Zen Zone would like to be the food vendor using Haley's food cart. 10x10 booths are available for the event for \$20. They may be used for anything except food. Sponsorships start at \$20 and go up to \$500 with incentives at different levels. All money raised at Bark event goes to benefit Pickens County Animal Shelter.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Date is set for Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Lee Newton Park. This event will be tied into 2 other large events. 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. The Jasper Farmers Market will also be held on this Saturday. First Christian Church of Jasper & Sky High Sports was last year's sponsor and have shown interest in repeating. Paul will be speaking to them more. We need businesses to donate filled eggs, minimum of 100 eggs per business, and we need a total of 3000-4000 eggs. Email reminders and social media posts should go out around March 1 to get donations. Eggs should be brought to either C. Shelley Repair at 38 Wall Street, downtown Jasper, or to Horton's Quality K9 Equipment at 418



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Liberty Ln, Jasper.

Baskets for golden eggs will be donated by:

Massage Envy of Canton (8-12 yr), C. Shelley Repair (0-4yr) and T-Mobile of Canton (4-8yr)

Discussion was started about a Fall Arts Festival in September, possibly Sept 16, but this was tabled until the March meeting.

Kirk brought discussion of the need for a storage facility for the JMA property. It was also discussed that JMA needs to have a written inventory of all items. Krista will be calling to find an acceptable location.

Krista brought up the possibility of rotating the meeting locations to restaurant members that have a suitable location. The idea was approved by all. Meetings will continue to be 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month until further notice.

Haley discussed meeting with Pickens Chamber about the Marble Festival and possible downtown event. More info to come. Some ideas were BBQ cook-off, live music and vendors. Kirk made a motion to talk to downtown merchants and the Mayor's office to confirm that we can close Main street for this event. Mark seconded, motion was passed unanimously.

Dates were set for the following upcoming events:

October 7 & 8 Marble Festival downtown project (tentative)

October 14 Zombie Walk & Movie in the Park

October 31 Trick or Treat on Main Street

November 28 Mandatory Parade Meeting at City Hall

December 2 Annual Night of Lights/Parade of Lights Christmas Parade (theme to be decided later)

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

Paul Poore brought up a new foundation being formed to help Pickens county residents who have been diagnosed with cancer. Kirk made a motion to table this until there is more information available. Krista seconded, motion was passed unanimously.

Jerry of Your Turn Consignments brought the suggestion of a Craft Fair in conjunction with dates of Jasper Farmers Market. This was tabled until the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm