



Thursday, May 11, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:43pm

Members Present - 9

Meeting Minutes from April 2017 accepted into the record.

Treasurer Report by Susan Horton: The JMA currently has \$ 897.42

Old Business:

Business of the Month Program: Signs being printed by Keely Chalk of CF Printing & Promotions in exchange for printed for \$100 plus a year's membership fees waived. Daisy Boutique will be the first recipient, as soon as the sign is ready.

Jerry of Your Turn Consignments brought the suggestion of a Craft Fair in conjunction with dates of Jasper Farmers Market. Tabled until June since Jerry was not in attendance.

Storage shed update – We are in need of a storage unit. Peggy from Daisy Boutique offered to see if she has room in her building. We should do a full inventory list when we move all items to the new location.

Banking: Haley was to be added to the checking account. We have put this on hold until Haley is healed from surgery.

Spring Fling/Annual Easter Egg Hunt/Arts Fair – a great success, over 10,000 eggs, over 2,000 children this year!

BARK in the PARK: \$1,300 was raised for the Pickens County Animal Shelter during this year's BARK in the PARK event.

Jasper Main Street Music Festival – Oct 7 & 8 - Live Music Contest and vendors. Krista invited Dwight Barrett at Jasper Pawn & Music and see if he can get us hooked up with bands, stage, etc. Vendors: no charge for JMA members, \$50 fee for non-JMA which includes a 1 year membership. Decided there should be games, contests, and vendors who cannot get into the Marble Festival area. Food & alcohol provided by Main Street restaurants. Applications will be available once the details are finalized.

The stage will be on Main St, so location was discussed and more planning is needed. Paul is trying to get another meeting with the Mayor. Hours are tentatively set at 10-6 on both Sat & Sun.

New Business:



Jasper Merchants Association

Membership:

New Members –

Renewals – Pickens Animal Rescue, Entegra Bank

Current # of members: 58

May 27 Community Yard Sale – event will be held in front of Green Acres, at 35 Hidden Creek Drive, off 515 in Jasper. Front Lot Gated area. Event Starts at 9:00am to 5:00pm. Vendors are allowed to Set-Up starting at 7:00am Saturday Morning until 8:30am. GATES will be closed at 8:30am. All Vendors must be ready to sell starting at 9:00am. ALL Vendors are REQUIRED to have at least 1 tent and 1 table to sell your items on. There is NO electricity at this event. Vendors are allowed to Sell anything they bring so long as it is legal. Event ends at 5 pm.

Suggestions for school supplies and backpacks for fall. Tabled until May meeting. Kirk volunteered to organize backpack recipients through local organizations and schools. We need to get local merchants to donate items or money to purchase items.

The 6th Annual BOO-WHO? Scarecrow Contest. We need to split the entrants into 2 categories.

1 Merchants Only (businesses)

2 Churches, Schools, & Organizations (groups)

Nothing new to add.

Zombie Walk/Movie in the Park – October 14

A movie needs to be chosen so that arrangements can be made to have it available. Tabled until June meeting.

Night of Lights Christmas Parade – Saturday, Dec 2 – Need to set a parade theme.

2 themes were suggested: Candyland and T'was the Night Before Christmas.

Marc motioned that Candyland be selected, Paul seconded, unanimous vote that Candyland is our theme for the 2017 Night of Lights Parade of Lights.

Open Forum For Members and Non-Members:

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm