



Jasper Merchants Association

Thursday, August 10, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Members Present - 13

Meeting Minutes from July 2017 accepted into the record.

Treasurer Report by Susan Horton: The JMA currently has \$ no report

Old Business:

Storage unit update

We are being donated storage space in Daisy Boutique. Thank you so much to Peggy Rabin for this generous donation.

JMA Community Open Market – postponed until Sept. There will be an ad in the Pickens Progress. Free to setup and sell. Contact Kathy Hall at Green Acres for info.

The 6th Annual BOO-WHO? Scarecrow Contest.

Scarecrows will go up on Sept 30, from 2-4pm. Winners will be announced at Trick or Treat on Main St. Scarecrows MUST be taken down on Nov 1.

Zombie Walk/Movie in the Park – October 14, 6:30

Movie: Beauty & the Beast @ sunset

Vendors are welcome to come and setup. Food, face painting, etc. There is no charge to be a vendor.

Trick or Treat on Main Street – October 31 – 4:00-6:00pm

If you would like to give out candy for this event, please plan to have upwards of 10,000 pieces.

Georgia Z Club members are present tonight to discuss Main Street Mania & car show on Nov 4.

There will be a kids area sponsored by Party Time Rentals. Vendors are welcome. JMA members are free to be a vendor – Non-members \$20. Applications can be found online.

Night of Lights Christmas Parade – Saturday, Dec 2

Theme: Candyland – No new information.

parade chairman: Paul Poore & vendor chairman: Laurel McGuire

New Business:



Jasper Merchants Association

Membership:

New Members –

Renewals – Tater Patch Players

Current # of members: 54

Business of the Month Program: August – Moore Furniture

Haley would like to discuss having a raffle of a big screen tv this winter. More info to come by Sept meeting.

School supplies and backpacks for fall. We collected backpacks, supplies and donations from many area businesses and residents. We ended up with 42 backpacks containing supplies, plus extra supplies. Kirk will be writing an article for the Progress.

Trunk or Treat, Sat Oct 28, 7:00-10:00pm in front of Johnnys Pizza. The event is hosted by Jasper Merchants Association, North Georgia Gear Heads and Johnny's New York Style Pizza. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Marble Festival Main Street Experience - Live Music Contest and Vendors.

Dwight Barnett at Jasper Pawn & Music we be handling bands, stage, etc.

Vendors: no charge for JMA members, \$50 fee for non-JMA which includes a 1 year membership.

We are looking for games, contests, and vendors.

We will be using the green space lot for our music, without a stage. We will be placing vendors around the green space and on the side streets, Depot Street, Stegall Drive, etc, as needed. Food & alcohol provided by Main Street restaurants. We have many band applications so far. We have 1 vendor who has paid so far, quite a few who have contacted us and been given applications.

Marble Festival Main Street Experience is the new name of the downtown event. Kirk is arranging overnight security so that vendors can leave their booths up overnight in the green space area.

There is also going to be a billboard up on 515 advertising for the entire event.

At this point we do not have electricity arranged for vendors.

Open Forum For Members and Non-Members:

Amelia McIntyre joined us from Pickens Arts and Cultural Alliance (PACA) to promote the Cornbread Reunion event on August 12.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm