

Jasper County Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting – January 9, 2014

Present: Carol Ann McMichael, Tim Sweezey, Sage Edwards, Skip Davis, Cissy Benton, Mike Newton, Karen Degges, Kathy Mudd, Linda Simmons

Absent: Dodie Proctor, Lori Gray, Angela Spivey, Wes Chester, Brandie Deraney

Others in Attendance: Debra King

Welcome and Call to order: Kathy Mudd

Invocation: Mike Newton

Review of December minutes ... A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Skip and seconded by Sage, all approved.

Review of January agenda ... Motion made by Mike and seconded by Tim to approve the agenda as written, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: approved with the addition of \$247 to expenses to be paid in January (fee for alcohol liability policy for Annual Meeting.) Motion to approve was made by Skip and seconded by Tim, all approved.

Business

- Nominating Committee – Ballot approved, all comments received were positive.
- Board Training – January 16, 2014, 8:00 am- 4:00 pm Turtle Cove Clubhouse
Candice Boothby will be facilitating training. She will arrive Wednesday pm. Skip and Diane Davis have opened their home to her and will be taking her to dinner at the Clubhouse. All board members are invited to join them at 6:00 pm. Governance will be the main concentration for the training, also our desired direction moving forward. Cissy will extend an invitation to our new board members. Lunch will be Dutch treat; the Turtle Cove Board of Directors will absorb the cost for lunch for the three new board members.
- Annual Meeting ... things are on schedule, Sage will provide catering, reservations are coming in slowly, an ad will be in the paper next week, committee will meet at Persons Hall at 1:30 Monday to finalize any outstanding details.
- Membership updates and criteria – Cissy requested we look at revising/fine tuning our membership structure ... it seems some misunderstandings have occurred in the past as far as supplemental contributions and regular dues. Skip suggested that Cissy draft a written recommendation as to what needs to be done and present it to the Board next month.
- Lori serving as COC Event Coordinator – tabled until next month
- Golf Tournament spring and fall – the committee is looking at the possibility of two tournaments depending on numbers. Don Jernigan has been named as committee

chair; he will make recommendations to the committee and work with Don Kelly at The Bank of Monticello.

Skip recommended, again, that everyone come to the meeting next month with the name of a volunteer who is willing to chair a committee or event.

Public Comments:

Debra King – Looking forward to seeing the board members at Turtle Cove on the 16th

Skip – would like to get proposals on purchasing an Apple iPad and Square up for Cissy to facilitate her work. Carol Ann will submit a proposal.

Mike led a discussion on possibly partnering with Newton County Chamber on promoting Jasper County to the movie industry.

- “Camera Ready” designation
- Establishing ordinances ... fee structures
- Tim and Karen will work on city and county structures respectively
- Carol Ann is a member of Newton County Chamber ... she will bring up in conversation with Hunter Hall.

Tim -- Inauguration for new Council Member is tonight at 7:00 pm

Cissy – Retreat Nursing Home listed in Georgia Trend Magazine as a 5-star facility
More nominations are needed for Citizen of the Year ... all board members please submit.

Submitted January 14, 2014/Linda Simmons, Secretary

Signature/Date COC Chairperson