

**Jasper County Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting – May 1, 2014**

Present: Wes Chester, Linda Simmons, Karen Degges, Cissy Benton, Kathy Mudd, Skip Davis, Brandie Deraney, Mike Newton, Alma Abbott, Angela Spivey, Lyndsy Holman

Absent: Lori Gray, Carol Ann McMichael, Sage Edwards, Robert Ross

Visitors: Pam Mayer, Larry Perry, Skip Nowetner, Terry Emler

Welcome and Call to Order: Kathy

Invocation: Cissy

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve April Minutes by Skip and seconded by Alma, all in favor.

Motion to approve agenda by Mike and seconded by Skip, all in favor.

Motion to approve Financial Report by Linda and seconded by Mike, all in favor.

Business:

- Membership updates – new members: Norton Packaging, Russell Bennett Contracting & Southern Edge Land & Home. Discussion on annual or rolling membership. Prospective members still looking for benefits of membership. Lyndsy passed out a flyer on proposed additional benefits.
- JCHS Internship/Apprenticeship – Mike Newton discussed a program which will provide school credit to students participating in an internship or apprenticeship (juniors and seniors). Mike would like to survey the membership regarding interest in this program. The students' position would have to be related to the school pathway. Motion was made by Angela and seconded by Skip for Mike to work with Cissy on getting contact information of members. Mike abstained from the vote, all others were in favor.
- Market on the Square – Begins on May 7 ... A discussion was held regarding waving the fee for local vendors. Motion by Mike and seconded by Wes that local vendors would not be charged. Vendors from outside Jasper County would be charged \$10 ... All in favor. Wes suggested that Cissy print certificates for locals (appreciation for participating and no charge for the season) to be distributed on the opening day of the Market.
 - Spring Fling will be held on the same day on the opposite side of the square 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Cost is \$25 booth ... so far 12 booths committed.
- Golf Tournament – Wednesday, May 7. Sponsorships and door prizes needed. Turtle Cove will sponsor a (1) team of (4) high school students. Sign-up list was distributed to Board members for food items.
- Deer Festival
 - T-shirt contest – Board voted on the winning shirts for the Dash and Festival.
 - Parade – Skip Nowetner discussed (3) proposed routes

Public Comments:

- Pam Hammonds – updated on the Chamber Facebook page, Deer Festival page and Monticello/Jasper County page. Skip Davis also asked her to work on the Chamber’s website.
- Terry Emlet – spoke briefly on The Mosquito Authority. He will donate (5) free sprays for the Golf Tournament. He will present at the next scheduled Lunch n Learn.
- Larry Perry – Larry’s message was directed to the Board and was very simple: “we need to think outside the box” ... and we need to get our members involved. Prospective members/renewing members will receive the benefit of whatever they put into their Chamber membership ...

Director Comments:

Ribbon Cutting for Oxford Heating & Air – May 17

Ribbon Cutting for Norton Packaging – October

Board Comments:

- Angela – support the Golf Tournament
- Mike – discussed the Georgia Zoo & Safari Park approved in Morgan County. Encouraged Cissy to reach out to them for membership.
- Skip – First Friday breakfast is scheduled for June 6 at 8:00 am Turtle Cove, Next Forward Jasper Strategic Planning Meeting will be May 31 at the Chamber.
- Karen – Commission meeting on budget/funding for Chamber next year ... she will check on date and advise Cissy. Chamber representatives should be present
- Kathy – everyone support the Golf Tournament

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted May 9, 2014

Linda Simmons, Secretary

Signature/Date COC Chairperson

