

**Monticello Jasper County Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting October 1, 2015**

Present: Linda Simmons, Towonder Dennis, Kathy Mudd, Leah Dumas, Tracey Nelson, Pam Mayer, Rebecca Jacobson, Skip Davis, Tom Joye, Peggy Billerman, Jeff Greeson, Mike Newton, Lyndsy Holman, Carol Ann McMichael

Absent: Carol Atkinson, Tony Lewis, Mike Benton, Dana Leach,

Call to Order and Welcome: Kathy

Invocation: Leah

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Skip and seconded by Peggy to approve the Agenda with the following additions under New Business: (b) Change in Coffee Call and (c) City Candidate Forum, all in favor.

Motion by Tracey and seconded by Skip to approve September Minutes, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: General Account \$32,163.22, Deer Dash (Festival) Account \$9,924.91 – Motion by Linda and seconded by Skip to approve Report, all in favor.

New Business

- Nomination Committee formed for nominating new officers, members are: Linda Simmons, Towonder Dennis and Kathy Mudd. Committee will meet in October, bring nominations to the Board in November and sent out for votes in December.
- Coffee Call for October 15 will be held at the Vanilla Bean to assist in welcoming Congressman Jody Hice to Monticello. Edward Jones will host the Coffee Call in November. Motion to approve by Peggy, seconded by Tom, all in favor.
- Discussion on candidate forum for City elections. Motion by Skip to hold on 10/22 from 6-7:30 pm at the Chamber with a moderator to be named, seconded by Peggy, motion passed.

Deer Festival Updates: (from Pam's handout with motions/other notes included)

Art Contest

Deer Festival: 235 - T-Shirts are on order. Long sleeve will sell for \$20.00 Short sleeve is \$15.00. Tasha Williams won the contest – when the shirts arrive we will award her the \$100.00 and put it in the paper. We will begin selling the shirts when

they arrive. The Board members will each get a shirt.

Parade

Chairmen: Cory McMichael, Carol Ann and Terry McMichael

Committee: Captain Mike Steele, Sharon Campbell, Jeanette Standifer

We have met with Captain Steele

Parade route was submitted to City for approval in July

Judges: Need scoring sheet – Need judges – judges will be on stage

ACTION ITEMS: Friday afternoon – early Saturday morning

Put cones out in parking space

Run ropes through saw horses/cones along parking on outside of square

Run ropes through saw horses/cones along inside of square

Leave three spaces open in front of Drugstore

Need no parking signs

Check ropes before parade begins (someone on every corner – 8 people)

Motion by Peggy and seconded by Mike to set aside \$200 for the construction of saw horses to be used during the parade and other areas during the day, all in favor.

Vendors/Exhibitors

We have 65 vendors to date with 70 spaces sold

\$5,895.00 Booth Income \$400.00 Electricity

4 Informational Booths – 6 Invited Booths – 15 Non-craft Specialty

5 Children's Activities – 21 Arts and Crafts – 14 Food

One - Generator has been ordered with Lake Oconee Events – they will deliver and pick up generator

Deer Dash

I stay in touch with Angela Spivey who is chairing the Deer Dash

Deer Dash Route has been approved by the state

Volunteers – Mike Newton

Route Set up – Skip Davis

Registration forms are ready and have been mailed

Registration has been on Facebook – Website and in the Monticello News

We are registered with Active and they also have sent out flyers

We have 33 entries to date \$660.00

We have been in touch with Pro-Line ordering t-shirts – they are going to be blue/gray.

When we get the shirts, we will have a photo shoot with Peyton Proctor and present the \$100.00 (he has asked that it be donated to his art class)

2015 PAID SPONSORS (\$250.00)

Hooper Trailer Sales

Senator Burt Jones

Venture Medical Associates

Heartland Clinic of Chiropractic

Farm Bureau of Jasper County

Poly Tech

Cal-Maine Foods

Norton Packaging
Hamilton State Bank
Master Touch Photography and Artistic Design, LLC
PermaTherm

CORNERSTONE MEMBER SPONSORS

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Monticello Family Foods - Cornerstone

Oxford Heating & Air, Inc. - Cornerstone
Tricia Armistead, CPA, PC - Cornerstone

COMPLIMENTARY SPONSORS

L O Benton Family
Harrison Jordan
Monticello-Jasper County Chamber of Commerce

NEED TO ASK from last year

Turtle Cove – asked

Covington Ford

Jasper Health Services/Oconee Regional Health System – they will not be participating

Best Septic Systems & Franks Restaurant

Southern Crescent – need to invoice

Pro-Line Designs

What About

Monticello Veterinary

Ginn Chevrolet

Bulldog Gym – very interested

Stage

Banners for Stage

Stage – talk to Rusty Bullard

Who drives stage to town

Bubba Pope will move it in place from the Bank of Monticello

Deborah Lyons – will be contacted to decorate stage in exchange for a free space at the Deer Festival

Entertainers – Our roster is filling up

Registration for Entertainment has been publicized

Emcee – Bubba Pope

Program – Feature Grand Marshal – speak about Shriners

Need chairs for the girls and transportation to parade

Grand Marshal

Lucius “Chip” Duncan – lives in Jasper County (Turtle Cove) He is a High Priest & Prophet in the Al Sihah Shrine Center. This is the group that has come to the parade for many/may years. He has asked if the Shriners can be behind his Grand Marshal car this year.

We need to do a press release and put on facebook and website

Raffle

Ordered gun with Monticello Pawn Shop
Paid for gun - \$720.00
Tickets are ordered (1,000.00) with McLaurin Graphics
Tickets sell for \$5.00 (\$5,000 gross) each or 5/\$20.00 (\$4,000.00 gross)
Board of Directors sell tickets
Fix a box the tickets go in

ACTION ITEMS:

Set table up at Deer Festival with three chairs
Chamber's green tablecloth on table
Arrange for gun to be at the Deer Festival – chain it to the table
Sell tickets at Festival

Contests

Need to make forms – take/email forms to taxidermists in area
Trophies – have been in touch with Mr. English
Have trophies on stage and announce during program

Deer Festival Marching Exhibition

Committee: Mike Newton, Chris Savage, Ken Sanvidge
There are 3 confirmed bands.... Putnam County, Jackson County, Jasper County
Exhibition will be held at the Football Field
Time: 11am - Noon FREE TO PUBLIC
Parade – they will join the parade from the Baptist Church
ACTION ITEM: Donation to the bands for gas \$75.00 each ???
Motion by Peggy and seconded by Linda to donate \$75 to each band, Mike abstained from vote, motion passed

Pageant

Chairmen: Carol Ann McMichael and Mary Tumlin
Committee: Tibia Williams Banks
Pageant Date: Sunday, November 1 at 2pm
Location: Thomas Persons Hall
Program Booklet
Printing of Booklet
Selling Ads: Rebecca, Carol Ann, Mary
Emcee: Asking Tiana Griggs through Tibia Banks (Rebecca Jacobson)
Facebook and Website
Applications to the schools and daycare
Entertainment and Sound – Les Steele *

Trophies, Crowns, Sash's – in touch with Mr. English
Flowers will be ordered with Chamber Member, Fancy Plants
Norton has donated a \$500 scholarship for the Queen

Advertising

Facebook has 1,471 likes and has been very active with likes and shares
Everything is on website and has been published in Chamber newsletters
We have paid for an ad in Lake Country Outdoors – published in August 2015
Press Releases first week in October

Online listings are up to date

Monticello News regular updates

Need to send postcards to churches for newsletters

Motion by Carol Ann and seconded by Linda for approval for Pam to mail vendor packets as registrations are received, all approved.

Venison Cook-off

Kiwanis – need to check with them to see if they need anything

In-House Items

Festival Insurance – have quote from Tyler – in process of purchasing \$324.48

Update Forms for Vendor Packets

Update Map of Square – been in touch with Robert Jordan

Send another Constant contact newsletter to potential vendors

Volunteers for inside the Chamber throughout the day?

Next Meeting

October 22, 2015 – 4pm to 5p

Meeting with City, County, Sheriff's Office, and Committees: Deer Dash, Band, Kiwanis, Parade, Pageant, etc. This is the final meeting before festival

Discussion on deer mascot costume ... motion by Linda and seconded by Carol Ann to give Pam permission to order the costume of her choice - not to exceed \$500, all approved.

Meeting Adjourned