



MAIN STREET MUSKOGEE, INC.
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 14, 2017—12:00 noon
Non-profit Resource Center—210 Wall Street



MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Max Boydston, Melony Carey, Greg Eby, Kerry Keane, Dylan Lucht, Mike Martin, Jake Smith, Al Stevens, Sue Vanderford, and John Newby. Bob Wickizer, and Nicholas Wilks arrived between 12:05 and 12:10.

Ex-Officio members present: Darla Bennett

Guests present: Jon Shaw (voted in as a member under Item #1) and Lee Ann Langston

Absent: Margaret Anderson, Brandon Garner (called; in another meeting), Gary Grooms, Lynne Wallis (called , Spring Break)

There being a quorum, President Newby called the meeting to order.

Executive Report: Mrs. Langston submitted her report with the emailed agenda. President Newby announced that Kellen Seitz is moving out of town and his board position will be empty.

Financial Report: The February list of transactions was distributed. Mrs. Langston explained about the multiple tax payments.

Item #1: Nomination of new Board Members

Nominees Erika Tucker-Garrett, Marci Diaz-Apple, and Jon Shaw were nominated to serve on the Board of Directors. Sue Vanderford moved to accept all three as Board members. Jake Smith seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Item #2: Committee Reports

- 1. Organization Committee:** Second Vice President, Dylan Lucht, told the board that the Rotary Club may be a potential partner. He discussed the sponsorship levels and value of memberships and explained that the levels are aggressive.
- 2. Promotions Committee:** Sue Vanderford and Nicholas Wilks shared numerous ideas they had developed for monthly events. Some of those ideas included: a LEGO competition and an End of Summer Bash, with sand castle competitions. They plan to expand Halloween BOOnanza with a Guinness Book of World Records competition of the most witches in one location! Expanding the December "Downtown on Main" is essential.
- 3. Design Committee:** Greg Eby said his committee has had one meeting. Discussion about the purchase of downtown benches by the Chamber's Leadership group ensued. The design group may work with the Leadership group to coordinate the design.
- 4. Economic Resurgence:** Bob Wickizer reported that his committee now has seven members & that the next meeting will be held Thursday, March 16 at Miss Addie's at 1:00 p.m.
- 5. Communications / Marketing:** No report

Item #3: Approve payment for two (2) Board Members' attendance at National Main Street Conference in Pittsburg.

President Newby announced that he'd already sent in his registration and asked for volunteers to attend also. Al Stevens said he would check and Sue Vanderford and Erika Tucker-Garrett also expressed interest in attending. Mrs. Langston stated that she would pay for her own way to attend.

Max Boydston moved to approve payment for two board members to attend the national conference. Sue Vanderford seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Item #4: Approve approaching City Council with ordinance regarding annual inspection of downtown buildings.

There was discussion about the reasons for demolition of buildings and how to make sure that no more are demolished, while abiding by current laws and city ordinances. Abatements were discussed, as well as working more closely with city inspectors. No vote was taken.

Item #5: Approve current grant applications.

President Newby talked about the process for approving grant applications. He suggested that the Executive Committee (officers) tentatively approve said applications. Applications approved by the Executive Committee will be forwarded to the entire board. No vote was taken.

Item #6: Discuss meeting length; increasing to 1.5 hours for a few months.

Discussion was held about meeting length and board members appeared to agree.

Item #7: Assignment of projects (1 or 2 per committee)

Discussion of various projects, such as S. Main Street, Hunt's space, etc. was held. Darla Bennett will keep everyone informed of the S. Main progress. The Economic Resurgence Committee was tasked with meeting the objectives of gaining a minimum of two new restaurants/pubs in downtown and potential uses of the Hunt's Space and downtown lighting. The Promotions Committee will add the Christ Kindle Market to December's calendar. The Chamber's Leadership group will tackle the downtown benches.

Item #8: Announcement of potential new project (John Newby)

President Newby shared a map of the plans for S. Main Street reconstruction.

Item #9 Discuss policy regarding non-attendance for Board Members

Discussion was held, but no vote was taken.

Adjournment: Dylan Lucht moved to adjourn and Jake Smith seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.