

**Main Street Board Meeting – September 11, 2023 M I N U T E S**

**Call to Order**: The regular meeting was called to order by Drew Duren at 9:35AM

**Attendance Report:** Board members present were Drew Duren, Cindy Becton, Josh Owen, Elise Pierce, Christie Bassett, Kayla Walker, Miriam Valcin. City representatives include Main Street Director Jennifer Price and Main Street Assistant, Jamie Parr.

Not present: Taylor Williams and Kelly Barr

Review/Correction of Minutes - Minutes were approved – Motion made by Drew, 2nd by Cindy- motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

* Back to School Supply Drive – Moved to October Agenda
* Streetlamps – Railroad to Newsome will be updated to LED and will all match. This was a goal from our strategic planning process conducted in the Fall of 2022.
* Switch to Six Training – Necessary for all board members to complete. This is part of a new reporting system to maintain program accreditation.
* Main Street 101- Reminder for all current board members to get this done.
* Kayla provided an update on the “Clothes Closet and Food Bank” Grand Opening will be September 21st from 4pm-6pm.

 **Old Business:**

Volunteer Opportunities- Jennifer reminded the board of the volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. The Main Street Board is a working board and therefore we need everyone’s participation to make events successful. We are moving into Fall events season and we will need volunteers for a number of events.

Promoting Main Street Events – Jennifer reminded the board to promote the Main Street events that are posted on social media. While we have over 14K followers, all members sharing the events means that they reach more people. Also, remember to share the initiatives by other board members.

***Updates of Events-***

Main Street Market – once a month thru October; beginning in January.

September 30th

October 28th  Paint a Pumpkin and Trunk or Treat with Jeeps. Kidz Quest to sponsor and we are partnering with the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber on “little entrepreneurs” coming out.

September 16th – Community Clean Up

September 24th – National League of Junior Cotillion begins

September 28th – Book Social

October 13th – 3rd Annual Witches Night Out - we are hoping to add some fun activities to this year’s event as it continues to grow. Street performers, stilt walkers, fire twirlers, etc.

November 5th – Annual Holiday Open House

November 11th – Veterans Day Parade

November 25th – Small Business Saturday

December 4th – 31st – Parade of Trees

December 7th Annual Tree Lighting

December 8th – Mayor’s Motorcade

December 9th – Merry Main Street Festival and Parade

 Crafts With Santa

December 4th- 31st – Annual Parade of Trees

**Next Meeting: October 9, 2023  at 9:30 am at the Depot-**

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 by Drew Duren

Prepared By:  Jennifer Price