

West Jefferson Business Association



Regular Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2013

A meeting of the West Jefferson Business Association (WJBA) Board was held at West Jefferson Town Hall on Friday, March 15th, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. Those attending included Bill Bishop, Rex Goss, Lisa Willingham, Keith Woodie, Mayor Dale Baldwin, Cabot Hamilton, Shelley Felder, Tony Eldreth, Jane Lonon and Talara Parrish. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the 2nd Annual Antiques' Fair.

Keith advised the Board on membership for the year. Keith said so far for the year, there were 30 paid members and he was going to recruit at least 10 more members to join.

Discussion then turned to the 2013 Antiques' Fair location. Keith said two proposed location options included Main Street from Badgers up to Third Ave, out Third Avenue to First Street and down First Street toward Sears, essentially a block shape. The other option is to use Jefferson Avenue from the 4-way stop at the Chamber of Commerce down to the stoplight at E. Second Street (pending DOT approval) Keith said the Board of Aldermen suggested using option one for the Fair location, but was not opposed to using Jefferson Avenue if DOT approved closure plans.

The days and times of the fair were the next items discussed. One option was to begin set up of the music and food on Friday, September 27 at 3:00 p.m. to begin by 5:00 p.m. and to run the fair all day on Saturday, September 28.

After some deliberation among group, a unanimous vote was taken to use North Jefferson Avenue from the intersection at the Chamber of Commerce down to the stoplight at 1st Baptist Church, 1st Street down to N. Third Avenue and Third Avenue out to E. Main Street for the Fair. After further discussion on the times of the festival, a unanimous vote was taken to close these streets at noon on Friday, September 27 with the event opening at 5 p.m. and closing at 8 p.m. Also, the fair would run all day on Saturday, September 28 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Jane Lonon from Ashe County Arts Council then presented plans for a barbeque fundraiser on the same Saturday as the fair and Art on the Mountain at the Arts Council. The Board unanimously supported this idea.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned.

***** Following the meeting a blanket email was sent out to all Board members regarding approval of previous meeting minutes from September 17, 2012, October 29, 2012, November 15, 2012, January 11, 2013 and February 12, 2013. A quorum of Board members responded with a motion to approve all sets of minutes as written. *****