

—*THE MERCHANTS OF HISTORIC CHIPLEY*

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September 2, 2008 Meeting

Attendees:	Antique Mall	Celebrations	Bank of Bonifay
	Baxley's Cleaners	Madelyn Culpepper	Barbara James
	The Den	Foster's Folly	Sherry, Chamber of Commerce
	Nicole Barfield	Cheryl McCall	Barbara Payne

Our meeting was held at Celebrations. Donna Gunter has done a beautiful job painting and arranging. Stop by, look around and wish her much success on her new venture.

We voted to name ourselves *THE MERCHANTS OF HISTORIC CHIPLEY*.

All slots for Jr. Achievement have been filled. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to make this program a success. We all know the training of our young people for their future is a responsibility we don't want to take lightly.

Sherry from the Chamber of Commerce graciously attended this meeting. It was mentioned that the Halloween activity may be moved to the Gazebo this year.

The plans for the Christmas Festival were again discussed. When the idea to have the festival was birthed we all recognized that we would have to hold it on parade day. People will come downtown for the parade, so without a parade there would be no festival. Hence setting the parade in place became top priority. Nothing more could be planned with any certainty without this key feature in place. When we began making inquiry about who and where and when etc. would set all this up no one would take accountability. Sherry came to our rescue, thankfully, and assured us that she will get the permit and handle all the details as she has so faithfully done in past years.

Sherry, we thank you sincerely and apologize for any misunderstanding that has occurred while we have stumbled around in our efforts to revitalize Chipley.

Donna Gunter is Festival Chairman. She is so organized and at the next meeting will have much more details in place for our consideration.

Nicole had a sample Festival Program for our approval. We will be going around to businesses and making phone calls for ads in the book very soon. Ads will cost \$15.00. November 3rd is the deadline to get an ad in.

Kathy Foster needs to know all the stores that will allow an artist to display their art work now. Her phone number is **638-7572**. So far we have these locations: The Bank of Bonifay, Antique Mall, The Gathering, Celebrations, Baxley's Cleaners.

A hearing on the Mongovan Building will be held September 25th at 10:00 am at the Court House.

Next meeting dates: September 18th - 5:15 - New Beginning 1367B South Railroad
October 7th - 5:15 - Southern Comfort 1367A South Railroad
October 16th - 5:15 - Exclusive Gentlemen 812 Main Street

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