

The Merchants of Historic Chipley

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November 20, 2008 Meeting

Attendees:	Foster Folly	Tommy McDonald	Nicole Barefield
	Baxley's Cleaners	Barbara James	Ted Everett
	Celebrations	Mike Lee	Exclusive Gentlemen

We met at the new Chamber office.

Nicole had a copy of the festival program for us to approve. We also saw the poster that the Washington Co. News printed advertising the Christmas Festival. Donna Gunter has been going to Dothan, Panama City, Campbellton, Cottondale, Marianna and Chipley putting out posters. We had 100 posters printed but could put out 100 more. There is still TDC money so Mike Lee made a motion that we have 100 more printed and it was seconded by John Foster. The vote was unanimous.

Greg said we need a bigger trailer for our float. Other merchants who saw the float in the parade now want to advertise on it. It really got a lot of positive comments. On Thursday, December 4th, we will meet at the cleaners in the afternoon to decorate the float for the Christmas parade. Trudee has offered items she has in the Antique Mall to decorate with. We could use the extra hands putting it all together.

The Goulding Agency will be taking free Santa photos in the gazebo. The city will furnish generators for the lighting and Kirby Holt is going to provide a chair for Santa to sit in.

Donna ran through all the plans she has made. The first page of the program lists all the times and locations for the entertainment. We will provide the sound system. New Life Fellowship will furnish chairs and Kirby Holt will supply the electricity from Blossoms. There will be several food vendors at various locations. Crafts will be located at the Farmer's Market Pavillion. The Antique Car Show will be in the parking area behind New Life Fellowship. Donna has someone who will be in charge of registering all the cars. The live Nativity Scene will be behind Dollar General. Kim Smith's parking lot will be the location for a mini health fair sponsored by the hospital.

Restrooms will be open at the Farmer's Market and several other stores will allow public use of their facilities. Jim Morris from the City is going to provide extra trash cans. T.J. is to check to make sure there is someone responsible for emptying them. The prisoners will provide clean up after the festival.

The Health Inspector in Tallahassee has been notified and will provide inspectors for all the food vendors.

Donna has asked to have 7th Street to Hwy 90 closed for vehicle traffic. It has to be voted on at a City Council meeting. T. J. said there is a special called meeting Tuesday and told Donna to call the city to advertise the request so they can then vote on the street closing on Tuesday.

Donna said she would like to put little fold ups of the festival on restaurant tables in Chipley. She will ask Paul if there is enough money left to print these. If not Donna made a motion to spend our money for the printing and it was seconded by Kathy Foster.

If the weather should be bad on December 6th we will hopefully know far enough in advance to arrange for tarps borrowed from the funeral home and Health Department. We can also check into moving some of the activities to the Armory.

T.J. will call Kevin Crews and touch base on possibly needing extra policemen in the area.

Greg will call Guettler and Guettler to request additional lighting.

We think we have covered everything. PLEASE, if you think of anything we need to address give Donna a call at Celebrations.

Thank you, Donna Gunter for all your hard work. You are wonderful!!

Kathy Foster showed us a copy of an advertisement for The Havana Merchant. It is filled with ads for their little town and looks very much like something we could have printed and leave in hotel lobbies. Dennis Lareau has said we can put something like this in McDonalds.

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