

Attendees: Jessie Allen Christie Baldrige Lacie Gonzalez Kamie Crawford Hayden Sharp
Bryan Dudley Anthony Nieto Mark Tuggle
Absentees: Tonya Bowie Johnny Dreyer Jill Rhodes Kelly Jackson Andy Goodnight
Misty Thompson Espen Dreyer Marah Tecumseh

Main Street Board Meeting
March 16, 2023
Mabrey Meeting Room 8:00 am

Call to Order: 8:00 am

Minutes: Approved as read. 1st Anthony Nieto 2nd Hayden Sharp

Financials: Approved. 1st Kamie Crawford 2nd Lacie Gonzalez

New Business:

National/State Main Street Conference: March 27-29th Heather, Mark Tuggle, Mary Lewellen, Margaret Hess and Rusty Milroy will be attending. The conference will be in Boston this year.

State Main Street awards: May 2nd. The cost is \$70.00. Let the Main Street office know if you would like to attend.

Okmulgee Service League Fundraiser: Their event will be a Toga party on April 1st at the Community Center. Main Street is a recipient of funds from this event. Heather asked they board member to try to attend and make a good showing for Main Street.

Historical Society Fundraiser: This will be a 50's themed party on April 29th at the Historic Mansion.

Main Street Day at the Capitol: April 4th from 8 to 2. Main Street will be receiving a \$55 million Reinvestment Award. Heather will be attending.

Digital Billboard: Main Street will be advertising on the new Digital Billboard on 75 highway.

Committee Chairs:

Organization/Membership/Fundraising – Hayden Sharp

They would like to spotlight different Main Street businesses on the Okmulgee app twice a month. Hayden asked Anthony if he could help since he has a professional camera. Anthony agreed to help.

Promotions – Kamie Crawford

They have made a calendar of events. Kamie talked with the Young Professionals about partnering and doing a Cinco De Mayo block party. Mostly Promotions would be in charge of the music and maybe contacting some of Main Streets chili contestants to see if they could get enough interest for a chili cookoff.

June 9th they are planning a street dinner and pair it with an awards ceremony for Main Street unsung heroes. Tickets would be \$100.00 and they would like to sell 100 of them. They would use John Neal's big screen to make a video of different businesses, people and events and partner with Tavern 56 for drinks. Maybe have a raffle if they can get a good raffle item.

Economic Vitality – Trisha Bailey

OSUIT has waived some of the requirements to purchase the Bell Building.

They have reached out to a restaurateur about coming to Okmulgee to talk with the board about how to entice new restaurants to open.

A new movie crew came to check out Okmulgee. They are interested in coming back

John Neal has purchased the space where the Chinese restaurant and the old savings and loan are located.

They are renaming the Building Tour to Investors Tour.

Design – Andy Goodnight

They talked about a new mural. The theme would be Black Wall Street. Dr. Anderson has agreed to have it put on his office building on 5th Street. They would like to see something about past, present and future depicted on it. Dawn Tree would be the artist and it would be unveiled during the Black Rodeo. Main Street is going to start doing a cleanup day on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Everyone would meet at the Main Street office at 4:00.

Okmulgee Rising Updates:

GCTC: Green Country had their surplus sale. There is a renovation going on in the main building. Career day will be May 1st from 11 to 3. April 26th they will be hosting a luncheon and awards for teachers. This week is Spring Break.

Muscogee Nation: The Council House has been hosting activities for Spring Break. The Art Market at River Spirit will be April 22nd and 23rd.

OSUIT: They are out for Spring Break this week. Graduation will be April 21st.

City of Okmulgee: Remember April 16-22, it is Keep Oklahoma Beautiful week. Bryan would like to revisit paying volunteer groups for their volunteer hours after Okmulgee gets a new city manager.

Chamber of Commerce: Heather is going to contact Malorie at the Chamber and their board president to see if they would like to get together and see if Main Street could do anything to help them. They are having trouble with keeping board members.

High School Reps. Report: This is Spring Break week. Spring sports have started.

New Businesses: None

Directors Comments: None

Dated of next meeting: April 20, 2023

Adjournment: 1st Brian Dudley 2nd Hayden Sharp

