



Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2026

Attendees:

Jodi Cook, Amie Brown, Cheryl Wooley, Sara Isgitt, Kim Lafitte, Emma McElwee, Lauren Gentry, Crystal Hable, Allison Singletary

Christmas Recap

Crystal started the meeting with recapping on the 2025 Christmas Festival. Everyone agreed this was the best year in organization, prizes, and participation. Crystal mentioned that Lauren had several plans for the 2026 Christmas Festival to make it a true weekend festival, but that she will postpone those details until another meeting, due to needing to discuss Mardi Gras coming up soon.

Many Mardi Gras- February 7th 2026

Parade is scheduled for 6pm (Line Up starts at 5pm) with entertainment to follow in the Many Town Square until 9pm. There will be food trucks and sweet vendors participating this year. 626 Lunchbox, Deja Brew, Louie's Pizza, Big Meaux's Bayou BBQ, and AW Sha Cookie Cakes & More are registered for Mardi Gras. DJ Doug Creighton is back for another year by popular demand for entertainment.

2026 Calendar

The events committee members pulled out their calendars and scheduled all the Town of Many hosted events along with sharing any dates of other events coming up that they knew of. Crystal mentioned that Lauren thought it would be a great idea to have all vendor/parade registrations ready early on in the year for vendors to register throughout the year. Lauren mentioned that many vendors set their schedule for the whole year and we could potentially have more participation from vendors if they can register and lock in their spot for our events ahead of time and that will also allow them to have more time to prepare for the event.

Committee Chairmen

Crystal mentioned that with each passing year, the Town of Many events grow to become bigger and better. With that being said, it's hard for anyone working a full-time job to also dedicate a lot of their time to marketing, planning, reaching out to vendors, and executing the event. Crystal mentioned making sub committees for each festival to ensure no one gets burnt out and everyone has help from the start of the planning process to the day of the event. Jodi Cook mentioned she would chair the Fall Fest. Kim Lafitte mentioned that during Bloom on Main, it is her work's busiest time of year. Kim does not see how she can have the time to chair Bloom on Main, but she would help reach out to vendors ahead of time and she would also handle the Town of Many planters. Lauren mentioned that she had big plans for the Christmas Festival but that we could discuss those later because of time and also the Christmas Festival is already a huge festival with many events that are included with it like Moonlight Madness, Christmas Tree Lighting, and Poster Unveiling.