**Minutes of the Cowan Commercial Club**

The Cowan Commercial and Community Club met on Monday evening, November 25th, 2019 at Simpler Times with the following members in attendance: Mary Bledsoe, Kristina Britt, Kallie Britt, Rendi Britt, Helen Brown, Ben Money, Nick Nickelson, Jarod Pearson, and Kim Shelton.

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The minutes from the September meeting were accepted as presented. (No minutes were taken from the October meeting as that was our Fall Banquet.)

The Treasurer reported a balance of $2,556 in the main account and $737 in the special account. It was noted that all expenses from the street fairs and other activities were paid in full and reflected in the balance. It was also noted the $75 we authorized for Halloween in the Park was not disbursed at the mayor’s request because the event had sufficient candy and prizes.

Mary gave an update on our upcoming Christmas Open House. The members agreed to change the date of the event back to November 30th due to various circumstances. Flyers and other marketing materials have already been sent. Mary would like to find three characters to dress in costume representing the Frozen characters. Santa will be at Nick’s.

In the coming year, we would to try and move the monthly meetings around to different businesses in town. Doing so will help us get members better acquainted with what the town offers.

Mary raised the idea that we consider a no-cost Associate Membership. Doing so would help us recruit area residents who aren’t business owners, but are interested in promoting the town.

Nick made a motion that Cowan Commercial Club introduce a no-cost Associate Membership in the Year 2020 for local residents. The Associate Membership would have “voice without vote” status. It is further clarified that Associate Members who wish to run for the board of directors in Cowan Commercial Club would need to pay dues and change to a business member or individual member prior to doing so.

The members agreed to forgo meeting in December due to the holidays. The next scheduled meeting will be January 27, 2020.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Jarod Pearson, Secretary