

## **Minutes of the Cowan Commercial Club**

The Cowan Commercial Club met on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at Nick's Pizza & Pasta.

Mary Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with the following members and guests in attendance: Mary Bledsoe, Kallie Britt, Kristina Britt, Traci Goodman, Mark Ledbetter, Benjamin Money, Nick Nickelson, Mary Nickelson, Jarod Pearson, Kim Shelton, Rachel Thompson, and Amanda Wiseman.

The minutes from the previous meeting were shared and accepted as presented. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,238.59 in the operating account and \$742.16 in the special account.

Mary and Kim shared with the group the continuing show of appreciation for the employee appreciation lunch that Commercial Club hosted in February. Kim suggested that we turn this into an annual event going forward, which was favorably received by the members.

Mary opened discussion about fundraising possibilities for the organization. Now that COVID restrictions are easing and public gatherings are re-gaining popularity, we have more possibilities going forward. The members discussed having a street dance in the summer, a chili supper and cook-off in the fall, and a barbecue dinner during the summer as possibilities. Mary suggested that we adopt a project to support in conjunction with the fundraiser as well.

The members like the idea of developing a lending library with attractive boxes placed in different parts of town. Kristina moved that we adopt the lending library project as our own and start developing plans. The motions was seconded and passed unanimously.

The members are eager to see Cowan Commercial Club sponsor another Flag Day celebration this year, especially as we were unable to have one in 2020. Jarod agreed to get the flags in place ahead of the event, which will be June 14<sup>th</sup>. Mary agreed to coordinate a ceremony. After some discussion, the members agreed that we should leave the flags up through Memorial Day. They will need to be removed to allow lawn maintenance, and then put back in place for Independence Day.

It was noted that Fiesta Grill may host another fireworks display for Independence Day. We will check with Gonzalo to get the details and help publicize the event. Mary, Kallie, and Kristina will present plans for a street dance at the next meeting.

Mary welcomed three new businesses who have joined Cowan Commercial Club: The Hidden Gem, The Franklin House in Cowan, and Astral Valley Vintage. We will work with these and other businesses to schedule some ribbon cuttings this summer.

Jarod reminded the members that we have a Work Day in the Park scheduled for Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Mary suggested that Commercial Club contribute \$50 toward flowers and that members who are unable to attend contribute to snacks and drinks for the workers.

The next meeting of Cowan Commercial Club is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 6:00 p.m. at Nick's Pasta and Pizza.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Jarod Pearson, Secretary