

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

The Cowan Commercial Club met on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at Simpler Times.

Mary Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Mary Bledsoe, Kristina Britt, Helen Brown, Joyce Brown, Pippa Browne, Nick Nickelson, Jarod Pearson, Emily Pickett, Jeremy Pickett, Kim Shelton, and Rachel Thompson.

The minutes from the previous meeting were shared and accepted as presented. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1013.24 in the main account and \$670.28 in the special account.

Mary noted that a new invoice for the WZYX radio ad is getting passed around. Jarod and Mary are working on a more efficient system to bill each participating business.

Due to various circumstances Mary noted that we will not have a street dance this year, but we will leave open the possibility of a spaghetti dinner and fundraiser.

August 26<sup>th</sup> we are planning a ribbon cutting for Astral Valley Vintage and a ribbon cutting for The Franklin House on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Kim reported that our upcoming Fall Festival will be a huge event. We are near sold-out conditions on booths, which reflects a huge demand for community events.

Kim also asked that the members fill out the survey at City Hall for the proposed playground project. The funds are available through a program underwritten by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Tennessee.

Pursuant to our by-laws we will hold elections at next month's meeting. Mary passed around nomination cards.

We tentatively plan to hold a Fall Banquet on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Jarod will reach out to Diane Murray to see if she can be our speaker on behalf of Tennessee Backroads Heritage. Jarod will also inquire to see if we can get participation from Cowan Railroad Museum for this meeting as well.

Pippa reported that the Arts and Ales event will not take place this year as originally planned. Instead the group will offer a silent auction on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

A new restaurant is expected to open soon in the former Chicken Itza location. We are eager to see this property come to life.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m. at The Franklin House in Cowan. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Jarod Pearson, Secretary