

## Minutes of the Cowan Commercial Club

The Cowan Commercial and Community Club met on Thursday, February 29, 2016 at Cowan Center for the Arts with the following members in attendance: Cheryl Boswell, Helen Brown, Mark Ledbetter, Jarod Pearson, Russell Sells, and Diana.

Russell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented and approved by voice vote.

Cheryl gave a brief Treasurer's Report: our operating account has a balance of \$1567.22. Our special account has a balance of \$3,613.38. Cheryl also reported that we currently have 18 dues paying members – 1 personal and 17 business. This is the largest number of business members we have had in years, but we clearly have growth opportunity among individuals.

Under new business, the members agreed to coordinate an April 16<sup>th</sup> Work Day in the Park (with an April 23<sup>rd</sup> rain date). In preparation we will put together a punch list of items that need attention, namely:

- paint the brown gazebo in railroad colors
- repaint the cinderblock walls
- take down the white gazebo
- clean-out the cabin

Jarod offered to help pick up litter and do some other minor work in preparation for the Easter holiday weekend.

Russell reported that he attended a recent meeting of the Cowan Ministerial Association and presented a letter to them asking for their support and involvement in the Commercial Club. Russell said he got a very good response and hopes we will forge a stronger working relationship. Jarod will continue to serve as a liaison between the two organizations.

Under old business Russell gave an overview of the new working groups he is assigning to oversee major projects. He emphasized our need to recruit workers and participants from outside the organization to build a stronger team in each area.

Helen reported that Mary Bledsoe will put together plans for some ribbon cuttings for our newest businesses.

Russell asked the group to make a decision on new trash cans for the railroad park. After some discussion and looking at some examples, the members decided on a wire mesh version. Russell agreed to place the order right away.

Jarod presented a check to Mark Ledbetter of \$600 to make electrical and other improvements to the railroad park.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

L. Jarod Pearson, Secretary