

Minutes of the Cowan Commercial Club

The Cowan Commercial Club met on Monday evening, November 21, 2022, 5:00 p.m. at The Franklin House in Cowan. (It was noted that this meeting had been rescheduled from November 15th due to the Tennessee Backroads Heritage Banquet and the Winchester Kiwanis Banquet.)

Jarod Pearson, President, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Tom Buck, Brian Judd, Ravyn Messenger, Jarod Pearson, Chrissy Simoneaux, Rachel Thompson, and Amanda Wiseman.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as read. The Treasurer was absent from this meeting, but did call ahead of time to let us know that the only change since our last meeting was paying the final \$200 of the invoice to Tennessee Backroads Heritage.

Speaking of, Jarod attended the Tennessee Backroads Heritage Fall Banquet in Bell Buckle, Tennessee on November 15th. Brian Judd also attended on behalf of Cowan Railroad Museum, and Rachel Thompson and Tom Buck attended on behalf of The Franklin House in Cowan. It was noted that this was the largest representation of Cowan businesses in the history of the organization. The four attendees noted that there were encouraging presentations at the event and that we formed some new networking relationships as a result.

The primary purpose of this meeting was to elect new officers for the 2023 Year. After some discussion, the members made nominations and elected the following slate by acclamation:

Jarod Pearson – President
Amanda Wiseman – Vice-President
Brian Judd – Secretary
Jeremy Picket – Treasurer
Stephen Feeley – At-Large
Chrissy Simoneaux – At-Large
Rachel Thompson – At-Large

The members also discussed our routine for monthly meetings. Our by-laws require that we meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. In recent years we have by-passed the requirement by letting the members decide the best time and date, and then passing a motion to adopt the revised routine for the remainder of the elected board members' term. After some discussion, Amanda moved that we meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. for the remainder of this particular term. The motion was seconded and passed.

The members also discussed the upcoming Community Thanksgiving Dinner, the Christmas Marketplace and Christmas Parade, and the New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance. The group also discussed a reset goal to get our 501 c tax exempt status restored in the New Year. Jarod and Amanda agreed to adopt that as a project.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Judd, Secretary