

Minutes of the Cowan Commercial Club

The Cowan Commercial Club met on Tuesday, May 18, 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, Helen Brown, Traci Goodman, Nick Nickelson, Mary Nickelson, Jarod Pearson, Emily Pickett, Jeremy Pickett, Kim Shelton, Rachel Thompson, and Amanda Wiseman.

The minutes from the previous meeting were shared and accepted as presented. The Treasurer was absent from this meeting and will provide an updated report at the next meeting.

Mary welcomed our new members and new businesses who have joined the organization. Traci reported that Astral Valley is opening for business on the forthcoming Friday evening. Rachel noted that The Franklin House will have an open house event on the coming Saturday.

Traci added that she brought wood for the library boxes. Jarod will check with the Mosaic Center to see if anyone there is interested in the building the boxes as an outreach project.

Mary gave an update on our plans for Flag Day. Larry and Shelia Williams will help coordinate the event. Flags will be distributed, as they were last year. Emily Ezzell will bring a group of kids to sing. Jarod will ask The Rev'd Linda Hutton to lead the prayer and will also print the programs for handing out. Mary will reach out to Doyle Coulson again.

In other upcoming events, Mary noted that we will have another Street Dance in the summer. We are still not sure about a fireworks display for Independence Day weekend, but will check again to find out. Several businesses are interested in ribbon cuttings. We are simply waiting for each one to make final plans.

The kiosk and picnic tables are in place. We are eager now to move forward with a brochure project, possibly in partnership with Cowan Railroad Museum. Jarod suggested that we also consult with the Department of Tourism to see if project support is available through their agency.

The members noted out concern about the condition of the Log Cabin Court House. Jarod moved that we designate our special account for fundraising and place a donation box in the park. He added further that we dedicate the Flag Day event as a time to mention our fundraising efforts for the cabin as well. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of Cowan Commercial Club is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22nd, 6:00 p.m. at Nick's Pasta and Pizza.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Jarod Pearson, Secretary