

Minutes of the Cowan Commercial Club

The Cowan Commercial and Community Club met on Thursday evening, September 27th, 2018 in the library section at Cowan Center for the Arts. The following members were in attendance: Mary Bledsoe, Christina Britt, David Britt, Jacob Britt, Kallie Britt, Kristina Britt, Rendi Britt, Helen Brown, Ben Money, Jarod Pearson, and Amanda Wiseman. *This meeting was originally scheduled for Monday the 24th.*

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented and accepted with no changes. The Treasurer did not have an update for this particular meeting, but mentioned that our bank balances were little changed from the previous meeting.

Mary asked that the group discuss briefly our take from the previous meeting about the ability of the town to attract industry with the current infrastructure. We agreed to ask Mayor Joyce Brown to make some comments at a future meeting so that we can clarify some conflicting information that we seem to have.

Paige is doing some investigative work on our 501 c 6 status to see if it can be restored. Mary has a check-list that Paige provided. Jarod will go through our document files to see what information we can provide that will aid the process.

Membership dues will need to be paid by all members in preparation for our new fiscal year. Jarod agreed to send an e-mail. Mary will see that forms are distributed and made available at our next meeting.

Cowan will celebrate Small Business Saturday on November 24th. We will have our customary business shopping event followed by a tree-lighting ceremony. The members discussed different ideas that we will try this year, such as letters to Santa and professional musical entertainment.

Mary also noted that the Parade Committee will procure new lit ornaments in the park and a new lit tree in the park.

Jarod asked the group if we would like to bring back the Fall Banquet for next month's meeting. After some discussion, the members agreed that this would be a good event to draw our group together. We will work on a plan for the meal and a guest speaker in the coming days.

Mary referred everyone to a document presented by the Nominating Committee. The committee met with various members and proposed the following slate of candidates to serve as the operating board for the 2018-2019 fiscal year:

- Mary Bledsoe, President
- Amanda Wiseman, Vice-President
- Jarod Pearson, Secretary
- Kristina Britt, Treasurer
- Kallie Britt, Director
- Ben Money, Director
- Kim Shelton, Director

With no nominations from the floor, Helen moved that we elect by acclamation the list of names provided by the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The members voiced appreciation for David Britt serving in the previous term.

The next Commercial Club meeting will take place on October 29th, 6:00 p.m. in the library section at Cowan Center for the Arts. This will be our Fall Banquet.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarod Pearson, Secretary