

Minutes of the Cowan Commercial Club

The Cowan Commercial and Community Club met on Tuesday evening, September 22nd, 2020 at Nick's Pizza & Pasta with the following members in attendance: Mary Bledsoe, Kallie, Britt, Kristina Britt, Rendi Britt, Joyce Brown, Ben Money, Mary Nickelson, Nick Nickelson, Jarod Pearson, and Kim Shelton.

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The minutes from the July meeting were read aloud and accepted as presented. (It was noted that we did not have a quorum at the August meeting, hence we did not have minutes to present from that particular month.)

Kristina, the Treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,356.37 in the main account and \$737.16 in the special account. Kristina is planning to do a small transaction to get the special account out of dormant status

Mary carried forward a discussion from the group that met in August and a follow-up discussion with Jarod afterward. We decided to table our proposal for the Depot District. Hopefully we can bring the conversation forward in the Year 2021.

Kim gave an overview of the Fall Heritage Festival. As challenging as it was to have an event, we receive many compliments and we heard that vendors reported good sales. The committee hopes that next year's event will build on the fact that we kept the momentum in Cowan while large events all around us were canceled.

Mary reminded the group that the wooden kiosk beside the Welcome Center belongs to the Commercial Club and has not been in active use for the past two years. After some discussion, the members agreed that we should move it into the railroad park and try to get it back into active use. There's a concrete slab behind the log cabin that would be visible and out of the way of lawn equipment. Mary will work out a date this fall to have it moved.

Jarod broached the idea of doing a survey using our Constant Contact system to see if Cowan residents and businesses want to replace our Comcast/Xfinity cable and Internet service with another provider. Kim suggested we wait and get updated information on the new Cat5 installment we are getting in Cowan, which may already pave the way for a new provider in our area.

Mary passed around the elections ballots for officers to serve in the 2021 Fiscal Year. We will report the results at the next meeting and install the officers then.

The next meeting of Cowan Commercial Club will be held on Tuesday, October 27th, 2020 at Nick's Pizza & Pasta.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Jarod Pearson, Secretary