

Cowan Commercial Club, Inc.
Monthly Meeting
November 20th, 2023

Jarod Pearson, President called to order with a prayer at 5:35pm, at the Firefly Ballroom in downtown Cowan.

The following people were in attendance:

Jarod Pearson - President; Rayvin Messenger - Treasurer ; Stephen Feeley - Vice President; Chrissy Simoneaux - Secretary; Rachel Thompson - At Large; Amanda Wiseman - At Large; Others included: Kara Kizow, Leaf Plunket, Troy Johnson, Jennifer Cline

The minutes from previous meeting were read and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: 874.89 in main account, \$1169.59 in special account.

Old Business:

-Cowan Christmas Market 12-4pm, Needs drivers and will be doing a coat drive, everything is on track with event.

-Prissy & Jud Grand Opening went very well, lots of traffic.

-Discussed updates on businesses on visitcowan.com

-Up in Smoke doing well, now open for lunch due to demand on certain days.

New Business:

-Warming Shelter, discussed adopting a week, to help put this together & time. Grace Center of Hope (Jan & Feb) Cleaning/ Meals

-Cara Kizrow, Director of Cowan Community Arts Center/ Arts & music that they will be offering, all help is welcome

-Cowan Christmas Market vendors are full, will have schedule of events, time, and what days will be made and posted. Tree's are still available to decorate by/for advertisement of business.

-Apothecary preview on December 28th, Opens on January 2nd, 2024

-Railroad Museum has had a increase in foot traffic, numbers of visit Cowan went up.

-Railroad Museum will be open for Christmas market, if they are not able to be open a booth/space in Monterey station is offered free of charge to set up to sell memberships.

-City Hall, what do we think about work days in the park for decorating. See if we can have a set time to do so for all events and holidays, and also for clean up. (Adopt a Quad)

-Discussed Memorial Fund/ Beautify the Park. See about getting that started

Other Business:

- Discussed Backroads Heritage (the fee, and how to get it paid)
- New Year's Special at the Firefly Franklin House, flyers and price to come.

Next meeting; January 22nd, 2024 @ 5:30pm at The Franklin House Firefly Ballroom.

Motion to adjourn

**Submitted by,
Chrissy Simoneaux
(2024 Secretary)**