

Minutes of the Cowan Commercial Club

The Cowan Commercial/Community Club met on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at The Franklin House in Cowan.

Jarod Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Mary Bledsoe, Kristina Britt, Tommy Buck, Stephen Feely, Mark Ledbetter, Rayvin Messenger, Nick Nickelson, Jarod Pearson, Emily Pickett, Jeremy Pickett, Rachel Thompson, and Amanda Wiseman.

The minutes from the previous meeting were shared and accepted as presented. Main Account: \$781.28 with an additional \$196.65 from dues and other funds Special Account: \$1004.10

Old Business:

- The city workers luncheon occurred on the 14th and the city workers were very appreciative. We gave them 100th anniversary cups. We wrote a check to Nick's to pay for the luncheon. It came to less than \$50 with donations.
- The first issue of the Cowan Clipboard went out to 338 addresses and it had a 44% open rate. We timed this with the release of the TN Backroads Heritage. They noticed a significant increase in traffic on their website.

New Business:

- Reminder that the Railroad Museum annual meeting is Thursday, March 17th at 7pm. They will have a few speakers and an update on plans for the museum. Membership dues are \$20 per person per year.
- The museum board has tentatively set Saturday, April 9th for a work day in the park.
- Flag Day is on Tuesday, June 14th. Do we want to do it on the actual day or on the weekend?

Updates/Other Business:

- Tri-County bank has renewed their membership but have also told us they are working to get their business hours back to normal as soon as possible due to staffing.
- Jarod met with the post office and they are also trying to sort out staffing issues and repair the building.
- Amanda received an email through the welcome center from the antique jeep club that is coming to town this summer, June 11-13 and wanted to tour the museum. Amanda is working on making a welcome committee and businesses for them to spend the day in Cowan.
- Amanda put together an online form so people can send updates for the electronic sign at the Welcome Center.
- Jarod gave an update on the Mountain Goat Trailhead.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Agnes' Church.

Respectfully submitted,



Emily Pickett, Secretary