

Minutes of the Cowan Commercial Club

The Cowan Commercial/Community Club met on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at The Franklin House in Cowan.

Jarod Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a word of prayer and the following members in attendance: Mary Bledsoe, Kristina Britt, Tommy Buck, Traci Goodman, 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. Jarod reported an end of year balance of \$731.28 in the main account and \$1004.10 in the special account. The special account includes funds for the log cabin project. Since then we have received another \$50 in dues and an expense of \$100 for the Backroads Heritage project.

Old Business:

- A ribbon cutting was held on January 27, 2022 at Prissy & Judds.
- Jarod informed us that he had updated the Visit Cowan website with the new businesses and upcoming events. Jarod will also send out a new Cowan Clipboard in March with a link to the Backroads Heritage site so they can advertise our events and vice versa. We have 421 subscribers to the Cowan Clipboard.

New Business:

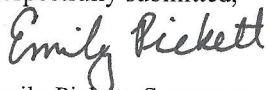
- Mary talked to us about sponsoring an Appreciation Day for Cowan City workers on either Monday, March 14th or 21st. This would take place at Nick's and cost \$9 for an entree, drink, and dessert per person for around 18 people. Jarod brought up that maybe we should play up that it's the 100th year of Cowan Commercial/Community Club, Cowan City Charter, and Cowan School and possibly get a pin or some sort of trinket to give as a gift and commemorate the anniversary. Pins, pens, and coffee mugs were all suggested. Mary will look into it and get prices. Amanda and Jarod will sponsor meals so less funds will come out of the Commercial Club account since we have been unable to have any fundraisers due to the pandemic. The motion to sponsor the Appreciation Day was moved by Kristina and seconded by Amanda.
- Jarod also brought up that he would like to have business meetings and meetings with a speaker to try to keep us all up to date on things going on. He plans to be in contact with someone at the cement plant to see if someone could come speak to us. He would also like to have the Franklin County Animal Harbor come speak with us about their programs that benefit Cowan.

Updates:

- The annual meeting for Cowan Railroad Museum will be March 17th at 7pm with light refreshments at Cowan Arts Center. Membership to the Cowan Railroad Museum is \$20 for the year. Everyone is encouraged to attend to hear about all the big updates and changes going on at the museum.
- There are weekly cornhole games, church services, and jam sessions at The Franklin House.
- The Hidden Gem is in the middle of an expansion.
- We also got an update that someone has purchased the old Platter's building, but there is currently no timeframe for its opening.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at The Franklin House.

Respectfully submitted,



Emily Pickett, Secretary