

The Cowan Commercial Club Inc.

Monthly Meeting

February 26th, 2024

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

The following people were in attendance:

Jarod Pearson - President; Stephen Feeley - Vice President; Rayvin Messenger - Treasurer; Chrissy Simoneaux - Secretary; Rachel Thompson - At Large; Amanda Wiseman - At Large; Others included: Aunt Polly, Troy Johnson, Sam Lapps

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

Treasurer's Report: \$1024.89 in main account, \$1169.59 in special account.

Discussed Memberships & Dues for the 2024 year.

Cowan Clip Board news letter stats:

-Sent out 303, 77.8% were opened.

Old Business:

-TN Backroads Heritage- About paying individual membership price of \$120.00 not as a Chamber price. Jarod got it approved.

-Railroad Museums Annual Meeting at the Art Center at 6PM February 29th, talked about fundraiser for the caboose, it raised over \$4000.00. They are also working on building a new website. Stats showed a increase in visitors, new not repeat visitors. Need to come up wit handouts or brochures.

-Updates from the community: Los Amigos is back open in Cowan, Lapp's Nursery reopening March 1st,

New Business Updates:

-Looking for a building for a mural to be painted for the 49's player, His Parade is March 23rd at 1PM, Followed by a meet and greet at South Middle school. Limited 200 people.

-Mystery Soiree rescheduled for March 16th.

-Artist reception is on March 16th

-The Grand Opening of Wander Brew is going to be on March 2nd. Call owner about having a ribbon cutting done with the commercial club on March 2nd during Grand Opening.

-Rachel Thompson's ribbon cutting is March 11th at 11 AM - 1 PM, joined the Chamber of Commerce.

-Upcoming Spring Market Craft Show on March 22nd and March 23rd at the Monterey Station.

-Upcoming Market Place Consignment sale at the Monterey Station.

-Mad Hatter Open House in Cowan on May 11th from 12 PM - 6:00 Pm

-Mother's Day Mad Hatter High Tea at the Franklin House March 12th at 2:00 PM

-Work Day in the Park is set for April 20th at 9:30AM

-The Franklin House will be hosting the Annual Franklin Co Historical Society Picnic on July 15th, in the firefly Gala Ballroom.

Other Business:

-Try to do our next meeting on Zoom, so others can join that are unable to make the meeting.

-Grape Vines to be put in back of the Franklin House where the old railroad ties had killed some plants & trees. Get those railroad ties removed.

-Mountain Goat Trail Alliance plan to attend our April 22nd meeting at the Franklin House

-Logo for the commercial Club, there is a old one, showing of new ideas, redo and combined and present at next meeting.

Next Meeting: March 25th at 5:30PM at The Franklin House Firefly Gala Ballroom.

Motion to adjourn: At 6:30PM

Submitted by,

Chrissy Simoneaux

(2024 Secretary)