

**March 1, 2010**

Cowan Commercial and Community Club met on March 1, 2010 at Cowan City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Tom McGee, President, at 5:11 p.m. with the following members present:

Tom McGee, Tom Wagner, Jarod Pearson, Mark Ledbetter, Rocky Whray, Pat Underwood, and Marianne Knowles along with a guest: Wayne Smith.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented with one minor correction. A motion was made by Mark to approve the minutes as amended, which was seconded and approved.

Wayne Smith gave a short presentation on behalf of Cub Scout Pack 361. The program is growing and wants to create better relationships in the community. Members agreed to help promote the program by helping to donate materials and help with programming.

Tourism - Jarod Pearson will serve as secretary of Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee. The new Franklin County fold-out map, which has been in the works for about five months, is going to press later this month. It will be available at Welcome Centers and also at major attractions in the area.

Signs - Jarod is sending a proposal to Casey at Franklin County United Bank to get parking signs specially made.

A motion was made by Rocky to give the Welcome to Cowan sports cups to the Cub Scouts with any leftover extras to be given away at the Chamber Expo. The motion was seconded and approved.

Marianne mentioned that Cowan Railroad Museum asks Commercial Club to help staff the museum, the dinner, and the train show for Cowan Railroad Days. Marianne will put together a list of assignments by the next meeting so we have a better idea of who to recruit and how.

Tom reported that the Book Fair is coming together well and should be a great success.

Tom Wagner gave an update on the Cash Card idea. A few changes were suggested as part of the discussion. We would like for the card to display our Cowan Commercial and Community Club naming convention.

The members discussed several angles regarding business recruitment. All of us individually and collectively want to set a goal to recruit at least five new businesses before the end of the year.

Mark recommended that Commercial Club work collectively on a visionary plan for Cowan that we can share with the City officials, individual citizens, churches and other organizations. In order for us to grow, we need a shared plan and vision.

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Rocky briefed everyone on the discussion Cowan Ministerial Association has had on emergency preparedness. We need to address these issues carefully at the local level. A proposal is in the works to get a town siren system, but there are other issues that need to be addressed as well. Mr. Charles Money is a local resource we need to consult and we will try to get him to visit a future meeting.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jarod Pearson', written in a cursive style.

Jarod Pearson, Secretary