

Minutes of the Cowan Commercial Club

The Cowan Commercial and Community Club met on Thursday, April 4, 2016 at Cowan Center for the Arts with the following members in attendance: Dianne Bass, Mary Bledsoe, Cheryl Boswell, Helen Brown, Joyce Brown, Mark Ledbetter, Jarod Pearson, Russell Sells, Cherri Sells, and Bill Welch.

(This meeting was actually the March 2016 postponed from the previous week.)

Russell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and pointed out that Bill Welch is the new pastor at Cowan First Church of the Nazarene.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented and approved by voice vote.

Cheryl gave a Treasurer's Report: our operating account has a balance of \$1537.22. Our special account has a balance of \$2,050.26

Russell asked for reports for the various working groups:

Cherri reported that the Christmas Parade held a first organizational meeting and has a timeline of tasks in place. Crafter letters are ready to send. The next meeting will take place on May 9th.

Joyce reported that Halloween-in-the-Park procured some new blow-up displays.

Mary gave an update in recruitment: we are still checking on area businesses and will schedule some ribbon cuttings as soon as the businesses are ready to open.

We don't have a chair for fundraising, so we need some ideas from the membership. A street fair was one idea brought forward.

Russell reported that the new trash cans were delivered. One has been installed and other two will be installed in the coming week. The first one started collecting garbage the day it was put in place, proving that these were a necessary purchase!

Cheryl moved that Commercial Club purchase the concrete pads needed for the other two installations. The move was seconded and passed unanimously.

Russell emphasized our need to have a Commercial Club both to promote the town in large events, such as the Fall Heritage Festival and the Christmas Marketplace.

It was announced that Cowan school will hold the annual Bulldog Boogie on May 13th and that the 3rd Friday Cruise-in will resume in April.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Jarod Pearson, Secretary