

Minutes of the Cowan Commercial Club

The Cowan Commercial Club met on Monday, July 25, 2016 with the following members in attendance: Dianne Bass, Mary Bledsoe, Christina and Hallie Britt, Cheryl Boswell, Noni Moran, Jeff Pennington, Russell Sells, and Nicholas Snow.

Russell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and Jarod opened with a word of prayer. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented with a motion by Jeff to accept. The minutes were accepted by voice vote and filed accordingly.

Cheryl gave an update on the treasury. Our operating account stands at \$1433.59 and our special funds stands at \$1,835.28.

Mary introduced Christina and Hallie who have just moved to Cowan from New Mexico. Cricklewood is their family business and they are looking to officially re-open soon in the new location.

Russell gave an update on things happening in the community including the backpack program at Studio K.

The members touched briefly on the plans for "Cutify Cowan". We agreed on a trophy for the winning business and a gift basket for the winning residence. Jarod agreed to make a flyer and to compile a list of participating rules. The members agreed further that the judging will take place on the Saturday of the festival with the winners announced on Sunday afternoon at one of the stages.

Russell will be going on the radio before the next meeting to bring the community up to date on things happening in our community.

The Cruise-Ins have been very successful. We need to look at ways to expand on the success so that downtown can grow as an activity center. A flea market is an idea that some of our members discussed in the past and we may need to revisit. Nick and Noni will get with Russell and put a proposal together for doing flea markets on the first Saturday of each month.

Mary is contacting other area businesses about future ribbon cuttings and memberships.

Russell brought up the idea of a new Citizen of the Year award starting next year. Jarod urged our members to find a way to honor Dr. Robbe Delcamp and Susan Ruper-Delcamp this year, even if it is not directly tied to the Citizen of the Year award. The members agreed to do an activity to honor the Delcamps and let that be a precursor to the Citizen of the Year award. Jarod said he would contact them and see if the first weekend in November would work. That particular weekend in Sewanee's homecoming and that could be an effective way to bring some former students into Cowan.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jarod Pearson, Secretary