



Monthly Meeting **July 29th, 2024**

Jarod Pearson, President called to order at 5:28pm, at the Firefly Ballroom in the Franklin House in downtown Cowan.

Leif Plunket lead us in a prayer.

The following people were in attendance:

Jarod Pearson (President), Chrissy Simoneaux (Secretary), Stephen Feeley (Vice President), Rayvin Messenger (Treasurer), Rachel Thompson (At Large), Leif Plunkett

The minutes from previous meeting were handed out and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: \$1169.59 in special Account. \$1268.60 in main account (*up because of dues paid*)

Reports:

Cowan Clipboard and visitcowan.com

306 went out, 53.3 open rate

Cowan Railroad Museum:

They have had more visitors and tours this year then in past years

Chamber Music Concert:

This was the 1st one since covid

History Lecture & Picnic:

Details where amazing, about 55 people came out, want to get Dr Pam to come back out to other upcoming events

Upcoming Events:

- August 3rd Back to school Bash, We will be joining with Cowan First Baptist on theirs and not doing one separate this year
- July 31st Fall Heritage Festival Planning Meeting at the Arts Center at 6pm, Jarod Pearson & Chrissy Simoneaux plan to attend.
- August 16th Arts Reception, no details at this time
- August 16th Cruise in at the Texico station
- August 17th Murder Mystery/ Gangster themed/ Hot August Nights at the Franklin House
- August 4th Aunt Polly's Birthday Party at the Franklin House
- September 20th, 21st, 22nd Fall Heritage Festival

Old Business:

- Update on Fountain, looking at the bid, and will need more electrical wiring for new /more light decorations to come.
- Updates on our dues and website, we have got a new system we are using , we now have a separate email, new accounting & invoice system, and you can pay online and it will post it in the account, be we can still send paper invoices. Dues we will be changing the policy, setting a deadline, Sept. a notice of upcoming dues will be sent out, Oct. 1st bill/invoice will be sent out, Oct. 31st 30 day late notice that states of cancel will be sent out.
- Reach out to the Creed Family to come to a meeting, Jarod will be doing so

New Business:

- A new Business Cowan Mercantile (Aubrey), having a soft opening on July 30th, in the old Prissy & Jude space. Candy, small business/ both spaces for rent for small business to set up
Need to ask about a ribbon cutting
- New Dry Cleaning business (Denna)
- To do another Murder Mystery sometime in October at the Franklin house , Jarod will be helping out also, flyer to be made and handed out at Fall Heritage Festival

Other Business:

- Need to think about upcoming board member election in October for the Commercial club.
To be discussed at the nest meeting
- Need to round up items for the silent auction for the August 17th Murder Mystery at the Franklin house, the Commercial Club is to vote on who the profits/benefits will go to. Chrissy will be able to help Rachel with the play at event
- Leif Plunket will be making a community map and bringing it to the nest City Council Meeting set for August 13th at City Hall
- Set dates for other future meeting. September 30th, October 28th, November 25th, December is to be discussed at next meeting, Octobers meeting will also include our Board member election, all meetings are set for 5:30pm at the Franklin House in the Fire Fly Ballroom

Next Meeting: August 26th at 5:30pm at the Franklin House in the Fire Fly Ballroom

Motion to adjourn: at 6:35pm

*Submitted by,
Chrissy Simoneaux
(2024 Secretary)*