

The Caney Community Betterment Group met on Thurs., July 13, 2023 at 6:30.

Jared opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES

Everyone had a chance to go over the minutes. Roy made a motion we accept the minutes, Frank 2nd, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have a balance of \$1,836.91 in our general fund. Lynette made a motion we accept the treasurer's report, Deanna 2nd motion carried.

ROY SHAFER - SCOUT PROJECT

Dalton Watson has a scout project going on, he's rebuilding the grave marker in the cemetery for Jappa Mason. Unfortunately it has been collapsed and broken on the ground for several years and cannot be fixed. Luckily, the plaque with the information is intact, and it will be placed on the new marker. A new cement base needs to be poured and build a brick structure as close to what the original looked like. This project is estimated to be around \$300. So far \$50 has been collected. Carolyn brought up that we have \$25 in our cemetery fund and suggested that we give this to Dalton for his project. Frank made the motion, Josh 2nd, motion carried.

Roy also has another scout doing a project. Braiden Cardwell who is building a cover on the east side of the Doctor's Building to protect the hand-drawn hose reel and some larger historical items.

Roy's granddaughter Lucy is also working on her Citizenship Award.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Frank said so far we have about 8 business that have renewed their membership, and 8 individuals. Deanne is getting ready to send out letters to remind everyone that our new fiscal year starts July 1. Deb Wood reported that the ribbon cutting for Serene Massage Therapy went well, with a great turnout. Also Suburban Styles (Diane Mills) is celebrating 60 years in business this year, we are getting a plaque for her.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Kelley highlighted on a few things. We have 14 hours for demolition. 4 are on the condemned list. On the housing improvement the State Grant, anything that you need improvement on the outside of your home. It will match 15% for Low to Middle income families and 25% for rental properties. It will cover roof, siding, windows.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Esmeralda is excited to work with businesses to get the funding they might possibly need. Jared came up with a business beautification grant, which is a matching grant. The applications will go thru the Business Committee then presented to the Board of Directors. Frank made a motion we approve this grant application, Roy 2nd, motion carried.

We also received \$6,000 to be put into the downtown business beautification fund. Josh made a motion we accept this donation, Deanna 2nd, motion carried.

EVENT COMMITTEE

Deanna brought up that people always bring up wanting a carnival at Mayfest. Unfortunately we can't afford one, but she found a place in Tulsa that rent carnival rides. The Mayfest committee would like to have a fundraiser in the Fall to raise money for this. Roy made a motion that we move forward with the fundraiser, Josh 2nd, motion carried. Christmas will be here before you know it and if anyone has ideas of wanted to do something special for the upcoming Christmas season they need to bring their ideas to the meetings so we can get it approved.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Carolyn said they really didn't have anything to report on. Kelley brought up that there is a dead tree on the South side of the park, he didn't know if they wanted to turn it into a sculpture or not. Carolyn will check into it. Carolyn also said that Betty Henderson is retiring from swimming lessons after this year. She's been doing it for 47 years. They will be celebrating it as a surprise to her on July 21 during the open swim they have after swimming lessons are over.

TOURISM COMMITTEE

Jared presented the group with what the city sign entering from the North will look like. The Caney Valley Historical Society owns the rights to it. The sign will be brought to the City Council at their July 17 meeting to be voted on. Also the Caney sign on Big G's corner will have a new look also if the City Council approves. Kelley showed what the wayfinding signage will also look like. We will have signs at 5 locations. The primary sign will be placed on 4th street right after you turn onto it from Hwy. 75.

Molly Rains representing the Montgomery County Wellness Coalition was at the meeting to talk about Youth Substance Prevention. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Coffeyville at their office, which is the Coffeyville County Health Dept. 604 S. Union.

Laura Keller was also here from MCAC letting us know that the Bartlett Hiring Event is Aug. 4 & 5, she brought some flyers. Deb will place it on the CCBGF facebook page to get the word out.

Jared said that he would like some quarterly betterment group foundation goals. - The group thought membership should be the top one.

Frank made a motion to adjourn, Roy 2nd, motion carried.

Secretary,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Deb Wood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deb Wood