

## KEEP SARALAND BEAUTIFUL

April 14, 2016

Prayer was led by Mildred Blass. A light lunch was served to 16 members present.

President Ron Mitchell called the meeting to order.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurers Report showed a balance on hand of \$3,651.84. Report was filed for audit and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Because of time constraints, the Great American Cleanup was first on the program. Carl Kelly of Shell Chemical Company, reported that there will be ten groups of students from Saraland High School, under the supervision of Coach Jeff Kelly and his coaching staff, who will assist in the cleanup scheduled for Saturday, April 16. Shell will provide breakfast and lunch for the workers but Carl asked KSB members to bring any available tools. Utility trailers are also needed.

Fred Webb mentioned there were bad dogs in the area, and Carl and Jeff said the students would be instructed to stay out of yards where 'bad dog' signs were visible. Jeff Kelly explained how the student groups would be set up and asked KSB members to attend the cleanup and accompany a group.

Juanita Chandler volunteered to check with Meals on Wheels to see if there were disabled or elderly persons living in the area who might need yard help.

Carl Kelly brought up the topic of our needing a storage place for tools. After discussion, Janice Harvison offered to check into renting a space. We will vote at the next meeting on a storage solution.

Jason Weatherby reported the sign he had made for use during the Great American Cleanup is generic and can be used again with only changing the date.

Janice Harbison reported that we have received an award from Keep America Beautiful. It will be framed for display.

Kirsten Warren was welcomed as a new member. Kirsten is employed by the Saraland Chamber of Commerce.

Juanita Chandler reported that Wayne Biggs' company is our newest Adopt-A-Spot member. The sign will cost more than we thought but will be very attractive. We still have a few Spots left.

Juanita asked members to save the dates of October 12 through 14 for the Alabama/Mississippi Keep America Beautiful meeting to be held in Tuscaloosa. She urged members to attend even if they could go only for the full day meeting on Thursday.

Juanita reported that the Tree Planting project has been completed. The trees have been mulched and are sprouting new leaves.

The Yard of the Month chairperson, Janice Harvison, reported that due to the heavy rains ruining the flowers, no YOM award has been made. She passed out requirements for being named Yard of the Month and asked members to help her committee find qualified yards to honor.

Fred Webb reported the Gardening Workshop was a success. He will work with the Extension Service to begin plans for the next workshop.

Earth Day will be celebrated April 22 at the elementary school. Janice Harvison said she and the sponsoring teacher at the elementary school are working on the bookmark contest.

Webmaster Fred Webb announced the webpage is doing well and pictures are being changed out. All pertinent information is being placed on the webpage.

Jeanette Greene reported that we are officially a 501(3)c organization.

Janice Harvison reminded us that KSB has a Face Book account. Britni Rivers volunteered to administer the account and Kirsten Warren volunteered to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Blass, Secretary