

**Keep Saraland Beautiful
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2018**

President Ron Mitchell opened the meeting at 12:12pm.

Mildred Blass made a motion to accept the February minutes as written, and Jeanette Greene seconded.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Janice Harvison gave her report. The current balance is \$5,013.50. The Treasurer's Report is attached.

Ron gave the President's report, and he noted that some of the Walmart donation of soil and mulch will be used by Juanita as she oversees construction of planting boxes for the senior citizens. He mentioned the City's Planning Commission has the billboard recommendation again, and its vote by the City Council will be postponed until the end of April.

Janice discussed the nomination of Barry Andrews as the KSB selection for 2017 Citizen of the Year. She sold several tickets to the banquet to members. She also asked for volunteers to accompany her to the Keep AL Beautiful meeting in Clanton on March 21. She is also asking for nominations for Yard of the Month. March has been awarded to a couple on the corner of Second and Myron for their display of azaleas in full bloom. Another is in mind on York for next month. Mildred mentioned a yard in Kalifield that is very pretty. Janice also asked that KSB make a recommendation to the City regarding litter. There is currently an ordinance against litter and we need to check with the Police Chief and find out if he is willing to enforce it and/or anything we recommend. Councilman Wayne Biggs mentioned we have six prospective businesses scoping our city in the next 30 days, and litter is an issue they will be taking into consideration as they think about locating here. Ideas mentioned were business garbage cans at so many gallons capacity per parking spot, using golf carts and paying retirees to pick up litter, and looking at the Keep Phoenix Beautiful program. Alabama state law fines \$250 for the first litter offense and \$500 for the second and subsequent offenses. We will add a brochure to the bookmark contest educating students about litter. We will place litter signs in areas that are continually littered. Fred agreed to drive along Highway 158 to identify the most littered spots and provide that list. Wayne suggests we write a letter to the state legislature asking them to raise the minimum fine to \$1,000 on the first offense for litter, as this is an important issue affecting Alabama.

Adopt-a-Spot

Ron talked to Josh the landscaper about the adopt-a-spot on the north side of the Highway 43 bridge at Celeste Road. The Lions Club had wanted to take that spot, but Josh's company wants to maintain it, so he will receive a sign, and he will pay for his own plants. The Lions will have to find another spot. Josh also gave Ron a price to spruce up the spots that have water access, making them more attractive in the winter months. For \$75 more per month he can add the

blooming plants we want. Wayne Biggs made a motion and Fred Webb seconded that KSB write a check to Adopt-a-Spot for \$450 to cover the increase in Adopt-a-Spot for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Fred discussed this Saturday's Gardening Workshop. James Miles is confirmed; door prizes and refreshments are needed. Fred will have the building open and ready. Wayne mentioned that the National League of Cities is held every year on the second weekend of March in Washington, D.C., and that he would like to attend our workshops but they seem to fall on this Saturday. We will take this date into consideration when planning future Garden Workshops.

Mildred gave the Tree Planting report in Juanita Chandler's absence. Crape myrtles will be planted along Highway 158 before the end of March.

Fred asks for updated information for the website.

Wayne made a motion to approve a \$423 reimbursement for Janice's purchase of litter bags and a Civic Forum meal, and Mildred seconded.

Fred and Mildred are working on a dues reminder letter to get to Treasurer Britni Rivers. Business members need an invoice rather than a letter. Britni has the list of paid members, and we will need it to prepare the mailout.

Announcements:

The Lions Club is hosting their pancake breakfast at Catfish Junction on March 24 from 6:30-10:30.

Saturday, April 7 is the City's Cleanup Day. We will be helping with this event instead of a separate Great American Cleanup. Hours are from 8am to noon.

Gloria Webb motioned to adjourn at 1:10pm.