

Keep Saraland Beautiful

Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2021

Members in attendance:

Juanita Chandler

Jeanette Greene

Janice Harvison

Mildred Blass

Basil Smith

Ron Mitchell

Tabitha Phillips

Guests:

Laura Bryan, My Little Spartans Club

Lisa Smith, My Little Spartans Club

Lily Harvison

Ron opened the meeting in prayer at 12:05pm. He introduced Lisa Smith and Laura Bryan from My Little Spartan Club. Lisa spoke about the Club's beginning in 2016 with four charter members, and now they are up to 35. She applied for 501c3 status in July of this year. The purpose of the Club is to collect and sew items to show God's love for others. Girls kindergarten through high school age join the group and meet twice a week at Lafitte Baptist Church to learn skills and work together, and they are given sewing machines to take home to continue their work. One major project they do is packing 100 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. They also have a feminine hygiene project where they sew reusable materials for a young woman's monthly needs. They provide hand sewn blankets to Operation Linus. They donate things they can't use to Light of the Village. They accept donated items from the community and Lisa also bargain shops for items all year long. They are having a banquet/raffle next week to end the Club year, resuming meetings in February. A project they want to complete is a flower garden at the mini storage facility on Hwy 158 near City Cuts.

Basil made a motion to accept the minutes and Mildred seconded. Motion passed.

Checks were written to pay North Mobile Internet Services \$360 for services and United Cerebral Palsy \$500 for a donation to their electronics recycling program. A motion was made by Jeanette and seconded by Juanita to donate \$500 to the My Little Spartan Club to underwrite their garden. Motion passed and a \$500 check was written.

Janice gave the Executive Director report. The City Cleanup day went very well, and members who attended were Ron, Mildred, Basil, Juanita, Janice, Newton Cromer, and Wayne Biggs. The electronics recyclers collected twice what they anticipated and were very pleased. Team Harvison registered for the Love Your Community litter grant challenge, and it includes Janice's family plus her dad, Mildred, and Juanita. Natalie Moye mentioned a grant opportunity for the elementary school, a tower garden. Natalie will be invited to a future meeting to discuss it with the group. Janice is looking into a classy bench for the boat launch area, preferably similar to those at Bienville Square. She is also looking into long-lasting canvas tote bags that

KSB can give away. The Fred Webb Memorial Fall Garden Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, and members are asked to provide door prizes and food.

Ron gave the President's report. Tomorrow morning he will survey the recycling operation at United Cerebral Palsy and invited members to join him. Palms have been replanted at Jacintoport Drive at a cost of \$500 each with no guarantee they will survive. Ron is making sure they are watered until established. Basil made a motion to allow Ron and Jeanette as Adopt a Spot officers the authority to write a check from KSB up to \$1000 to pay for new palm trees to be planted in Adopt a Spots. Mildred seconded and the motion passed. Ron is considering how to structure a towing grant for Saraland residents who need to get rid of junk vehicles. The matter of a Vice President was left out at last month's elections due to a lack of candidate in attendance. He was contacted and agreed to serve if elected. An election was held and Steven Venable was elected Vice President. The board member position will remain vacant for now. Ron wants to pay \$200 per year for the 501c3 Center, Inc. to renew the KSB IRS form 990N on time. Janice was given permission to find the paperwork Fred Webb had on the 990N and complete it this year, and will report in January. KSB will not meet in December, but Adopt a Spot will and members are welcome to attend.

Barbara Sharp was absent but sent word her Yard of the Month was selected, but she had to get in touch with the homeowner before advertising it.

Juanita is still pricing trees to purchase with the Alabama Power tree grant, and will report in January.

Ron announced that document shredding is available for Chamber members in July 2022 that we could take advantage of. Membership dues are due now.

Basil reported that the website is being updated with new officers after today's meeting. He will share photos to the website as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.