

Keep Saraland Beautiful
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2017

Members in attendance???

Fred Webb led the meeting.

Fred read the February minutes as the group ate. Jeanette Greene made a correction in the fourth paragraph to change from Ron Mitchell "voted" to "moved." Ron made a motion to accept the minutes with that correction, and Basil Smith seconded.

Britni Rivers gave the Treasurer's Report. She brought to the group's attention that we have an overdue bill with Explosive Signs for Yard of the Month sign and car magnets. Mildred Blass moved that we pay the bill immediately and Juanita Chandler seconded. Britni is waiting on an invoice to pay for KSB's half of the shed/storage space at Oscar Driver Park. Fred has the invoice and gave it to Britni before the meeting concluded. Britni stated she received a \$5,000 check from the City for KSB sponsorship.

Ron reported that he gave an oral report of KSB activities to the Mayor and Council, and then submitted a report in writing. They were pleased with the report. They want the City's name and logo to be represented on the KSB website. The written report Ron gave is also on the website.

Mildred brought up that KSB is not paying the Executive Director and Janice Harvison stated that is because she is not asking for pay.

Carl Kelly reported that Shell has been trying to schedule a cleanup/planting day for Spring, but that is not working out with the company's and high school's schedule, so unfortunately a cleanup day will not happen this year.

Janice reported on the Bookmark Contest. She has been told by Keep Alabama Beautiful (KALB) that the \$1,000 they reimburse to affiliates for Great American Cleanup materials CAN be used toward our contest. That opens up a lot of new possibilities with the contest. She will check back with Keep Alabama Beautiful on specifics and talk to the school superintendent about making the contest system-wide. Mildred made a motion that we pursue a system-wide contest if funding is available through KALB. Members of the Education Committee who will work on this are: Janice, Mildred, Jeanette, Britni, and Juanita. Carl suggests inviting Dr. Aaron Milner, the school superintendent, to join KSB. Carl suggests that if high schoolers are not interested in the bookmark contest, maybe their special needs class would enjoy participating.

Janice reported on several things of interest to KSB. KALB's \$1,000 reimbursement money for the Great American Cleanup CANNOT be used for trees, but a grant for \$5,000 is available through Keep America Beautiful/UPS right now that is specifically for trees. She will talk more to the state coordinators to find out if we qualify for this grant, and what is involved in writing it. Janice has been to our new storage building to drop off a file cabinet that Sanford Flach had been storing. The building is new and clean. It is not the first storage building you see when you drive in to Oscar Driver Park, but back near the concession stand. Ron has the combination if anyone needs to access the building. Janice has been a member of the Saraland Civic Forum

on behalf of the Woman's Club (two representatives are allowed for each group). Now that another Woman's Club member wishes to serve on the Forum, she needs to move her representation to another organization or quit the Forum. She requests to stay on and be a representative of KSB. The Forum's bylaws require certain information to be given to the Forum about a new organization's purpose and current officers and board members, so she will prepare that. Janice reports that the Forum's Citizen of the Year banquet is coming up April 7, and if anyone has a nominee in mind to please pass that information to her. At last month's meeting, Councilman Biggs discussed litter and its relationship to economic development in Saraland. Janice looked for resources through Keep America Beautiful that address litter, and asked that it be photocopied and left for Mr. Biggs. She would like the City Council to discuss the matter and let KSB know how we can help them implement programs that they feel would be helpful in dealing with litter.

Fred reported on our website and urged members to view it regularly. Any new publications we receive are posted on the website.

A report from the Membership Chairman was not available because Joan Weldy was absent. Right now Fred reports we have 12 members according to the information he has. We all need to work on recruiting more members. A discussion was started about the Membership chairman needing a committee to help Joan. We need an invoice procedure for businesses and individual members. Britni has created an invoice for businesses and has created a spreadsheet of people who have paid dues and shared that with Joan to begin a directory. Britni has not heard from Joan whether she received it. Membership dues should be paid one time per year and prorated for those who join late. Cynthia suggested a membership drive, maybe making it part of a cleanup day. Fred reminds us that we need more members to be a vibrant organization.

Juanita was asked to report on the Clean and Green program, but she is not the chairman of that, only Adopt-a-Spot. She says the signs are being printed now. Matthew Lambert, City Planner, is working on the \$1,000 Alabama Power Good Roots grant. He suggested we use that money for Highway 158 West crape myrtles. We have been getting 17 trees and planting labor for \$1,000. Ron asks if the money is going through the KSB checkbook because if Matthew does the grant through the City it will not go through our account and we lose control of the project. Fred and Juanita agree to meet with Matthew next week to get more details.

Fred discussed the upcoming Garden Workshop, that members need to bring refreshments of \$5 value, and door prizes of \$10 value. James Miles is confirmed to be our speaker, and the event starts at 10:00am. Gloria Webb enjoyed the Upcycling workshop we had last time and wonders if we should do a contest for children to make decorative birdhouses from recycled materials.

April 1 is City Cleanup Day, and the City lists us as co-sponsors so we need to be there. The flyer will come in the mail the week of the event.

Carl suggests KSB provide information and photos to Shell that could from time to time be featured on their billboard at Highway 43 and the plant's entrance.

Carl made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Basil.