

Keep Saraland Beautiful
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2019

Members in attendance:

Basil Smith

Johnnie Haines

Fred Webb

Wayne Biggs

Ron Mitchell

Britni Rivers

Gloria Webb

Leona Calhoun

Jimbo Calhoun

Mildred Blass

Janice Harvison

Guests:

Beverly Jo Jones

Ron called the meeting to order at 12:18, and Wayne opened in prayer. Mildred moved to accept the January minutes, and Basil seconded.

Britni gave the Treasurer's Report. Today's balance is \$6,246.31. Britni informed the group that a check to Keep America Beautiful for \$200 dues was never cashed, and it has been long enough that we will add that back to our balance.

Ron reported that he will make contact with the paper shredding company the Chamber uses to encourage them to offer their services at our next City Cleanup Day. KSB may need to pay a fee for them to come to cover their expenses. Nicole Rhodes, first grade teacher at the Early Education Center, wants to start a recycling program on her campus, and she will come to the March meeting to discuss it.

Adopt a Spot blooming spots currently do not have blooming plants, and Ron contacted the contractor to have that corrected. When the landscaping contract renews, Ron will add that pansies be added to blooming spots on January 1. Three new signs are ready and need to be installed by the contractor. Kelly's Pest Control is interested in adopting a spot.

Janice is giving up selecting Yard of the Month. She explained she needed someone to take over and what the process is. Fred suggested a potential new member who might enjoy doing it, and asked Janice to give her a call.

Spring Garden Workshop will be held March 30 with Jack LeCroy speaking. Topics should be organic gardening, companion planting for pest control, fruit trees, and blooming plants that grow in shade. Everyone is needed to bring food and door prizes.

Johnnie presented the membership application for our newest member, Vicki Cawthon. She is interested in recycling, schools, litter removal, and gardening.

Britni reported our Facebook page has a new photo, our new logo. We have 516 likes for our page and 515 follows. She encouraged us to share our page and invite others.

Wayne reported that the Mayor attended a meeting of the League of Municipalities and learned about programs for litter and revitalization. Main Street Alabama provides façade grants for downtown buildings, and another program called Your Town or My Town. Wayne would like someone from our group to attend a seminar with one of these organizations. The seminar fee is around \$2,000 and the City may be able to help with the cost.

Ron discussed the landscaping in the Chamber parking lot needs attention: weeding, mulching, and replanting. Fred made a motion and Mildred seconded for Ron to bid it out and report back to the group.

Johnnie mentioned the Boat Launch area needs flowering trees planted where the cars circle as it looks unattractive. Wayne informed the group that the next round of improvements in that area call for a floating dock to launch two boats at a time.

Wayne reported that the City is spending \$5,000,000 on drainage projects along Second Avenue and James Street. Celeste Road is scheduled to be widened from Graham to Spanish Trace.

Basil made a motion to adjourn.