

KEEP SARALAND BEAUTIFUL

April 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Executive Director, Janice Harvison. Newton Cromer led the opening prayer. A light lunch was served.

Announcement was made that our Treasurer, Britini Rivers', sister passed away. In Britini's absence Janice gave the Treasurer's Report which showed a balance on April 11, 2019, of \$5442.51. Wayne Biggs offered a correction. Newton moved that the report be accepted as amended, and Jeanette seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes had been emailed to members and reading was dispensed.

Janice reported on the recent Keep Alabama Beautiful meeting in Clanton. A Keep America Beautiful Regional Director gave a presentation including information on proper KAB reporting, grant opportunities for cigarette litter, and urging Executive Directors to prepare an operations manual/succession plan. Ashley Chambers from Alabama Recycling Coalition discussed what's recyclable and what's not. Hayley Benson from ADEM discussed their ARF grant program and how a city can apply. Participants heard about outstanding programs across the state. Janice had the opportunity to take Trish Morra from Satsuma along. Ms. Morra is interested in starting a beautification committee in her city, and especially interested in waterway cleanup. Keep Alabama Beautiful was able to give her 200 water cleanup bags to get started.

Janice also gave the Executive Director's report: Submitted the quarterly report to Keep Alabama Beautiful, currently submitting information as requested by Benita Palmer for Saraland's MS4 report, announced that the Saraland Elementary Bookmark Contest is underway, and we will need judges and award presenters in May. 900 students in grades 2-5 are invited to participate. Announced Earth Day will be celebrated April 20 at Fairhope Pier.

Barbara Sharp reported on the Yard of the Month. Recipient home for April belongs to Clarence and Mary Ann Merchant at 401 Arroser Street. Barbara reported they were very pleased.

Fred reported we now have 17 members, including two corporate members.

Wayne Biggs reported on the City Cleanup. About 350 gallons of used motor oil was collected and over two dumpsters of household throw away was collected. The next city-wide cleanup will be in October. Wayne also reported on the Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE). There is a workshop called Your Town that the City can send two representatives to attend. It is May 15-17 at Camp McDowell near Jasper. If one of our members would like to accompany Councilman Cromer, please let the Mayor know ASAP. Wayne mentioned current legislation regarding a minimum statewide fine for littering. He said to contact Matt Simpson in House District 96 or Margie Wilcox to ask for a vote to increase the minimum fine to discourage littering in our state.

We have one renewing member, Newton Cromer.

Fred reported that the website is going fine. He commended Jackie Benson for her fine work.

Jeanette thanked the City Council members for supporting the Adopt a Spot program.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.