

## **Keep Saraland Beautiful**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**May 12, 2022**

Members in attendance:

Ron Mitchell, Barbara Sharp, Basil Smith, Janice Harvison

Ron opened the meeting at 12:13pm. The group discussed the value of continuing the organization. Members cited special speakers, garden workshops, and Yard of the Month that draw attention and pride as reasons to continue. Methods of getting interest were discussed, such as Ron doing a Chamber podcast and posting flyers for special events. Members will be thinking about ways we can encourage more people to get involved. We have 1,100 Facebook followers. Barbara posts our Yard of the Month on Voices of Saraland and Next Door pages. Janice will post YOM to our Facebook page.

Basil made a motion and Barbara seconded to meet every other month starting in July. Motion passed. July 14<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting. Adopt a Spot will meet Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Janice gave the Executive Director report. Keep Alabama Beautiful has supplies in Mobile for us to pick up, and she will get them tomorrow. The Saraland Elementary Bookmark Contest entries have been received, 299 this year. The winners have been delivered to the Call News to be printed and Janice will get the medals and certificates ready for Awards Days, May 17 and 18. Teachers who have 50% or more participation in the contest will receive \$25 gift cards this year, up from our usual \$10. Teacher gift cards amounted to \$300.

Ron reported the April City Cleanup Day was very well attended by residents. Public Works has a pile of free dirt that can be picked up as needed for Saraland residents at their residences by contacting Warren Stephens. Ron also reported when the City starts its own bulk trash collection, it will dispose of it in a new EPA compliant incinerator to be installed at the Public Works department. Updated information regarding the incinerator: the City is looking for property close to the city limits as ADEM won't allow it to be installed within 500 feet of a residence.

Barbara reported the May Yard of the Month was awarded to Billy Herring at 219 Barry Avenue in Shelton Beach Estates. Next month she will be out of town and Janice will present the award to the yard Barbara pre-selects. Ron mentioned the Business of the Quarter sign has been stolen and Barbara will order a replacement.

Basil reported the website is going well and Jackie is making the updates as requested.  
A motion to adjourn was made at 1:10pm.

Amended July 14, 2022