

Keep Saraland Beautiful

November 12, 2020

Members in attendance:

Ron Mitchell

Mildred Blass

Janice Harvison

Tabitha from Trustmark Bank

At 12:10 Ron opened the meeting with prayer.

Mildred moved to approve the October minutes and Tabitha seconded.

Treasurer was absent and no report was given.

The Executive Director report was given by Janice. Jeremy is making recycled yard art if we want to share some at our new park, the Civic Forum is having a food drive at Saraland Elementary on November 20th at 7:30am if anyone can help, she reported on KAB training from November 5th, City Hall needs 12 more litter buckets and she will provide them, she did a neighborhood cleanup on October 26 and encouraged everyone to do the same, reported the Woman's Club is seeking a Phase 2 grant as well as accepting clothes for a giveaway in December in conjunction with One Meal, and started the discussion about the KSB planter/trash receptacles. She needs to gather the October City Cleanup Day statistics from Christine Purvis. Ron reported the Cleanup Day might have been the best attended one to date. Janice will also make 2021 membership brochures to keep our meeting dates and activities up to date.

Ron gave the President's report, starting with the messy area where America's Thrift Store collection area currently is at Everett and Highway 43. It will be moved within 30 days. There will be no December meeting. Ron invited everyone to the Christmas tree lighting event at the new splashpad park on Highway 43 on November 21. Ron is working on the annual report he will present to the Mayor and Council.

Ron showed a YouTube video about "fast fashion" and the impact a constant flow of new but cheaply made clothing has on our world environment. He noted that natural fibers like cotton, wool, and linen will break down in a landfill but that polyester never does. We need to be more careful in our purchasing of clothing and donate used clothes, which can then be remade or reused by another. Americans on average place 81 pounds of textiles per year in the landfills. He noted that before the NAFTA agreement our state was home to 600 textile mills, which are nearly wiped out now. Cheap production in other countries with lax environmental and labor laws hurts everyone.

Ron read the Webmaster report sent in by Basil Smith. The November YOM was posted, the Robinson home at 707 Burke Street, and the Gardening Notes from James Miles has been posted for November.

Janice made a motion to adjourn at 12:57 and Mildred seconded.