

Westport Area Business Association Meeting – Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021

5:30 Dinner, with meeting to follow.

Menu = Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Cauliflower Salad, Apple Crisp

Attendees: Dennis Fogle, Harry Pray III,

Call to order/Roll Call for Quorum – Board Members: Ila Cottone, Mark Koors, Bonnie Hahn, Bryan Gatewood, ~~Sandi Billieu~~, Jackie Elliott, Terri McGrath, Becky Tichenor, Joann Smith, ~~Mike Gasper~~,

Minutes of 3/17/2021 Meeting – Bryan Gatewood

Motion to Approve BonnieH, 2nd by TerriMcG

Treasurer's Report - Bonnie Hahn – Motion to Approve by BryanG, 2nd by MarkK.

Membership Committee Chairman Report – Becky Tichenor

Public Relations Committee Chairman(s) Report – Sandi Billieu/Jackie Elliott

Submitted in writing by SandraB.

New Business Committee Chairman Report – Mike Gasper

Old Business:

New Business:

Russell Wilson – presented the Youth to Yellowstone program. BonnieH reported that we have donated \$200 to them in the past. Motion by IlaC to give them \$250. 2nd by BryanG.

HarryP gave an update on the Town. Mechanisms are now in place to begin condemning trashy properties. Water project is moving forward. Water lines are also being replaced in town. 16 letters have been sent to properties that need to be cleaned-up.

BarbW reported that MainStreet has purchased flowers from South Decatur FFA. The flowers in all the large pots this year will match.

MarkK reported that Decatur County got a grant from OCRA for \$250K for small businesses under 50 employees. Small businesses hurt by COVID can apply. He also reported that Decatur County is getting a little of \$5 million from the CARES act over the next two years. The county is considering a \$1 million fund for blight elimination in the county.

DennisF reported that a new Rheumatologist group will be coming to Decatur County this month.

JoAnnS reported that Stuff-n-Things is open 2nd and 4th Saturday's of the month. They have a lot of good new donations.

Ila will contact Sandi about forming a committee on improvements suggested for the Town Crier. There were lots of ideas discussed, one of them being increasing the frequency of the publication to monthly and what it would take to do so.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by IlaC @ 7:35. 2nd by LindaM. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting **Wednesday, May 19, 2021, Dinner 5:30, Meeting 6:00.**

Menu = Lasagna, Cheese Bread, Veggie tray w/dip and Angel Food Cake w/strawberries

Up Coming Events:

Town Clean-up Thurs-Fri April 22nd-23rd.

- *Large items dumpster located at Town Hall for Westport area residents ONLY.*

Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding Saturday April 24th 9-11AM

- *Location = Westport Town Hall Parking Lot*

Main Street Covered Bridge Festival – Saturday, June 12th