

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Walden's Ridge Civic League
7:00 PM, October 15, 2020

Interim president, Karen Stone, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Interim Secretary, Elizabeth Akins, gave the invocation, and Mrs. Stone led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America

Mrs. Akins, called the roll of the officers, and all were present.

Minutes of the last meeting on September 17th were approved as read by the Secretary.

President's report: Mrs. Stone welcomed the crowd of about 40 people and explained the purpose of the meeting. She stated, "The Mission of the Walden's Ridge Civic League is to preserve its history and to continue traditional and new activities." Copies of the recently amended by-laws are available for new members to pick-up after the meeting.

Mrs. Stone gave a brief history of the Civic League and pointed out why it is important today, even 90 years after its incorporation. As part of her talk, she held up a thick stack of index cards and showed a roster that indicated the membership has been large, and she challenged those present to help rebuild the rolls by joining. Dues are \$1.00 per year. The Interim officers chose to retain the dues structure for convenient modern record keeping and as a salute to the beginnings of the Civic League when "a dollar was a dollar."

Mrs. Stone explained the duties of membership of boards of directors and of trustees and invited the audience to pick up applications for these positions.

Treasurer's report: Rita Smith Irvin reported that there is \$24,224.87 on hand. We have secured a burn permit @ \$11.49 so we can continue clearing near the Highway Patrol Building. The utilities are paid, and we need to work of budgeting.

Vice-president's report: Carolyn Longphre stated that she is interested in continuing the tradition of community events. She feels that holding fairs or carnivals, music festivals, plays, dances, and so on have always been fun, and similar events can help in the transition from having the Mt. Opry in the building every Friday night since we have lost that income and draw. She asked for help in coming up with ideas and implementing such events that can also serve as fund-raisers.

Facilities Committee report: Mark Dwyer agreed to be Facilities Chairman and he is looking into what needs to be done to maintain the building. Installing a vapor barrier in the basement is one suggestion.

Gardens Report: The secretary read the report for chair Hilda Horton. They are evaluating existing conditions and plants and will be removing any invasives they discover. They are making a plan for winter cleanup and ground prep work and possible spring planting.

Unfinished business:

Vision Mrs. Stone asked Interim Vice-president, Carolyn Longphre, to step to the white board to write suggestions from the audience to develop a Vision Statement for the Civic League. Some ideas were: music workshops; music lessons; dances; rentals to family gatherings; rentals for teachers of various things such as yoga, dance, piano, art; bar-b-q; building a bar-b-q pit; building an outdoor stage; use the soccer field; improve the playground; have Santa come; replace the uncomfortable seats in the auditorium; and weddings and wedding receptions. After

a discussion about allowing liquor consumption on the premises or not, the visioning session was closed, and all the suggestions from the white board were recorded.

New Business

Election of Officers - Attorney Dave Evans explained that according to the by-laws, four officers are to be elected at the October meeting each year. These are president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. He explained that the current officers are holding interim positions until permanent offices can be elected. He then called for nominations from the floor. Karen Stone was nominated; there were no other nominations, and she was elected by acclamation. For vice-president, Carolyn Longphre and Bo Chamberlain were nominated with Carolyn Longphre being elected. For treasurer, Bo Chamberlain and Rita Smith Irvin were nominated with Rita Smith Irvin being elected. For secretary, Laura McCormick and Bo Chamberlain were nominated with Bo Chamberlain being elected. Mr. Evans thanked everyone for their participation and congratulated the newly elected officers.

The next General Meeting was set for 7:00 PM, Thursday, January 21, 2021, in the auditorium.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the new president at 8: 48 PM