

Browntown Community Center Association Meeting

September 12th, 2022 7:30pm

In attendance- John Bell, Denny Pennington, Patsy Pennington, Martha Buracker, Cheryl Cullers, Jackie Hodgkiss, Stacie Mikels, George Hodgkiss, Linda Glavis, Mary McLaughlin, Tom Lacombe, Angela Fletcher, Robert Fletcher, James Crook, Jim Clem, Rick Matthews, Doris Matthews, Louise Matthews, Kim Matthews, Mark Thomas, Marianne Thomas, Powell Harding, Scott Reynolds, Pauline Reynolds, Mary Hurt McKinney, Gretchen Proveman, Tyler Proveman, Greg Schibblshaw, Tony Swonski, Diane Pence, Ross Mikels, Emma Bricker, Mark Huddleston,

Call to order- by John Bell at 7:32pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes- Stacie Mikels presented the minutes from August. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Jackie read and went over financials from last month.

Beginning balance- \$39,366.00

Income- \$632.00

Expenses- \$2,111.47

Net balance- \$37,886.53

Trustee's Report- George Hodgekiss reported that the BCCA purchased a Helmuth 12x20 shed and it was delivered last Thursday. Remaining balance is \$7,695.00. Waiting to paint the floor to seal it and preserve it.

Alan Brockway reported on the need to redo the entire parking lot. \$680 estimate and they can't get to us until March.

Scheduling Report-

September 16-17, and possibly September 23-24th from 9-2 is our next yard sale.

October 22nd- Greasy Gooney 10k run.

October 21st- History Presentation

November 19th- Christmas Bazaar

Ways & Means Committee Report- Martha Buracker reported the yard sale is coming. Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for November 19th. Chili Cookoff can be added to the calendar for the Saturday before the Super Bowl, Linda Arnold will chair this as long as it is safe (COVID).

History & Preservation Club Report- Tom LaCombe reported that they held a meeting. Most of the time was spent discussing the curtain that still hangs in the back room of the community center. It was a project that took years to complete. They continue to work on the book.

Gooney Valley History Club- Brian Wilkinson reported that they have a meeting on October 21st at 7pm at the Community Center. It will be a presentation with the James Wood Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution. Mr. Corey is in charge and will be singing "God Bless America" at some point. Several Browntown soldiers are included and we will be learning about them.

They are also working on exploring Edwin's mill, but due to weather, they were unable to go. They are looking for Champion Trees as well. If you have any thoughts or ideas about this, please reach out to Brian or talk to Tom at the shop.

Brian spoke with Kaipha and came to the conclusion that both the church and the community center want to save that building. Brian would like to propose to purchase the building from the church and fundraise to save the building.

Browntown Picnics- 1870's had a report of having a Browntown Picnic within the community. Brian thinks this would be a great event to bring back.

Brain would also like to start working on the July 4th celebration in November. He would like to start the discussions again and is happy to help get it moving again.

BOS report/remarks- Cheryl Cullers reported the culvert on Browntown Road has stalled because CenturyLink has not moved their lines. They are rescheduling for next Spring.

Broadband contract has finally been signed off on. We are approx 6 months behind, but she is hopeful that things will continue. She reported on updates on provider services. Electric companies are already starting to put in higher poles. Hoping to start early Spring.

Centurylink- Cheryl called the State Corporation System and reminded them about the hearing. She gave them a lot of information. She received a call back from CenturyLink and Cheryl had a glimmer of hope that they might be receptive. Within 2 days, they fixed a line and cut down a tree that was threatening the lines.

September 7th, Cheryl met with the Browntown Vision meeting. Matt Wendling was there as well. She is happy with the progress.

BEARR report- Brian Wilkerson reported that they gave the BCCA a check for over \$400 for 911 signs. They sold some at the Community Day at Browntown Baptist Church. They still would like to sell over 200 by the end of the year.

Substation- The group has 12 months to save the substation and prove that we really need the substation. They really need more volunteers. They are really digging into this issue in the next 6 weeks or so.

CPR classes coming up October 27 5-9pm.

The group is working on a Disaster plan for our community.

Post on social media- wifi is at the community center if needed. Just park outside and use.

Old Business Report-

Calendar Update- Stacie reported that the calendar will be printed in late September. Jackie and Stacie are working through the corrections before printing.

New Business-

Roxanne Campbell stated that she would like us to update the email list. I will adjust the sign in sheet for monthly meetings to add email and we can add those monthly. Also, have email sign ups at events for new people. Sign up sheet at Tom's store.

Edwin brought up that maybe it's time to do a mailer to every address in Browntown. To ensure that everyone is included. Martha added that she would be willing to do an ad to help offset the cost. John suggested that we add a widget to the website so that people could sign up for the newsletter online. Edwin and Martha are going to look into this and report back.

Blue Ridge Gravel proposal (cash discount price) to re-do the parking lot. Estimate is \$680 for next March. Motion made by Brian Wilkerson, 2nd by Martha Buracker.

Mary McLaughlin reported that there is an elderly member who is still heating their home with wood. She was hoping that the Community Center would front the money and donate a working furnace. She would then like to make donations back to the community center. Kellie Campbell said she would be willing to work with the community members to get some discounted prices as well.

Martha Buracker reported that she has the minutes for the Alliance Meeting. They were also emailed to the mailing list. She did a quick report on the minutes. If you would like a copy of these minutes, please reach out to Martha. Next meeting is on September 21st. The deadline is to get something to the county by the end of October.

John Bell informed everyone about elections for the BCCA Board for 2023 coming up. Nominations will be available at the October meeting, with elections taking place in November.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Signed,

Stacie Mikels

BCCA Secretary