

Membership Meeting of CGCC

Tuesday November 15, 2016

President Jane Hatchet called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance Jane Hatchet introduced Jim Terrell as speaker for the meeting.

Program: Jim Terrell stated that he had been with Mississippi Power and Light Company for twenty-five years and had served on the Desota County Economic Development Council for some twelve years, several of those years he served as president. He spoke on the Cotter 2025 Project stating that in the year 2000, students and instructors from schools around Arkansas such as University of Arkansas came together and choose Cotter as the subject of the 2025 Project. He explained that the Fay Jones School of Architecture played a major part in the project.

Mr. Terrell stated that the ideas contained in the project report were concentrated mainly in four basic areas of the town: the river area, the city park, the river overlook and city hall. Much of the report concerned traffic flow and beautification.

Mr. Terrell answered questions from the floor. Several members remembered the project and stated that its failure was due to lack of local interest and rejection by the then city council.

Old Business:

Marcia Taylor stated that the Chamber is requested to set up and man two water stations along the route during the White River Marathon that takes place on November 19, 2016. We have a volunteer to drive a watcher golf cart to patrol the route. Marcia requested two more volunteers to drive carts for the marathon and asked that volunteers call her at 901-490-4828 to sign up.

Jim Terrell reported that the trip to visit Leslie will be postponed. He stated that an informational e-mail will be going out to the membership shortly to set up another time for the day trip. If anyone wishes to join the tour and see what the citizens of Leslie have accomplished, they are to call Jim at 870-656-0557.

Jane Hatchet gave a report on the progress of the project to refurbish the metal fish on the utility poles around Cotter. /She reported that the fish have been removed from the poles and are now at Duane Hada's to be painted. There are a total of 36 fish so we will not be purchasing any additional fish at this time. She stated that we need a placement plan before the fish are remounted.

Jane Hatchet reported that she needs a volunteer to head up the nominating committee to help find new officers of the Chamber for next year. Jane called for volunteers for this committee. Roland Morris volunteered to chair the committee. Jan Darr volunteered to serve.

It was decided that Marie Wagner would be a candidate for the Chamber Board for the 2017 term.

Jane Hatchet informed the membership that the board wanted a discussion opened and some feedback on ideas to change the time of the general meetings of the Chamber. She stated that it was decided that Olivia Terrell would send out an e-mail asking for the responses from the membership on workable times for the meetings.

Jane Hatchet reported that Shawnee Boat Company has pulled their sponsorship of the Trout Tournament this year. Roland Morris stated that we should consider having the tournament as usual. It was suggested that we increase prize money.

Marilyn Morris reported on a new group of people whose group name is yet to be decided is forming and wants to aid the Chamber in projects to beautify our city. She showed the membership examples of concrete urns that might be used around the Cotter/Gassville City areas to plant seasonal planting in for beautification. Her comments were met with great interest by the membership. The new group will make a study of pricing and come back to the chamber in December.

There being no further business the president called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, a motion was made by Marilyn Morris and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Dates of interest:

White River Marathon, Saturday, November 19, 2016

December 12th Board Meeting at Gassville Library

Tour to Leslie Friday, November 9th, has been postponed

General Meeting December 20th at 8:00 am at the White Sands

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Terrell