**CHESTER BEAUTIFICATION/TOURISM COMMISSION MINUTES**

September 16, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**  Linda Rader, Donella Butler, Mary Ann Heberlie, Cynthia Lawder, JoAnn Simmons.

Also attending: Linda Schafer. Linda is a prospective member.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Motion to approve was made by Cynthia, seconded by Mary Ann. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Balance on hand $27,308.18. Stone Cottage 737.17. The Rowold and Ace Hardware expenses were for the maintenance of the large planters. Reimbursement to Brenda Owen was for Fall Festival expenses. Also noted was the payment for the Penny Press Machine. JoAnn moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Cynthia seconded. The report will be set aside for audit.

**PUBLIC PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** No report.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

 **Hometown Proud:** No report.

 **Take Pride Award:** Retha Jones, Cole Place Road

 Pam Farley, Union School Road

 **Planters:** No Report.

 **Riverboat/Tour Programming:** Riverboat docked at Chester on September 14 as planned. American Countess scheduled to dock on September 22.

 **Tourism:** The invoice for the Penny Press Machine has been paid.

 **Historic Preservation:** No report.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

 **Riverfront Improvement:** JoAnn reported that it remains a work in progress. She plans to meet with Mayor Page.

 **State and Swanwick Green Space:** Cynthia reported that she was still exploring local artists and that she was working on cost effective options.

**COMMISSION FUNCTION REPORTS:**

 **Public Relations:** No report.

 **City Council Update:** No report.

 **Welcome Center Update:** It was noted that the observation deck remains closed.

 **Randolph County Tourism:** No report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 **Commission Openings:** There are still four openings. Linda Schafer was at the meeting as a prospective member. She has not yet committed.

 **Fall Festival:** Linda reviewed the Fall Festival schedule.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:**

Mary Ann moved to adjourn, Donella seconded.

 The next meeting is October 21, 6:30 pm, City Hall.