**Versailles Community Betterment**

**Downtown Beautification Sub-committee**

**Minutes from March 12, 2018 Meeting**

1. Jacquie Brewer called the meeting to order and Ellen Conrad read the minutes from the February 12th meeting which were approved.
2. Jacquie sent a thank-you card to MFA recognizing their donation and facelift.
3. Sharon Dear reported on the B of V mural project and Gollihar’s façade improvements. The deadline is April 1 for input on the mural. Steve Garber is interested in enhancing the Gollihar’s building which is an el-shaped building that has a door on Newton.
4. Ellen Conrad reported on the landscaping around the courthouse and the planting of the Liberty Tree. (see article about Liberty Tree here: <http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/ruralmissouri/201709/index.php#/12> Ellen will reach out to Boy Scouts leader Doug Ross to investigate planting at the Blue Star Highway location. The Commissioners are supportive of planting four trees this spring and also want a “pledge” from business owners that they support the tree planting and commit to maintaining their business storefronts. Jacquie will talk with Rebecca to obtain a list of business owners.
5. The fish fry was a success with a profit of ~$2,000. Congratulations and thanks to all for your support!
6. The strategic plan was discussed and potential sub-committees identified. Jacquie will summarize and share.
7. Tony will reach out to Darlene and Becca re: the decoration contests.
8. The next fund raiser will be the Ice Cream Social on May 6 from 2:00-5:00. Tony asked about having the mural dedication ceremony during this event.

**Next meeting:**

Second Monday of the Month:

Aril 10, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. at Square Deals