



Keep Marshall Beautiful Board Meeting Minutes

Marshall Public Library Board Room

February 4, 2025

1. Call to Order by Anna Lane at 4:30 pm. Board members in attendance were Corey Brown, Renae DeVere, Judi Journey, Linda Scott, Melanie Valdez, and Robert Wood. Also in attendance was city staff liaison Anna Lane, Director of Community & Neighborhood Services, MHS Interact Club sponsor Ruth Jones, and Marshall High School Interact Club members Luis Robles and Hannah Slater.
2. There were no presentations or remarks from the public.
3. The 2025 Keep Marshall Beautiful members introduced themselves and shared their background and interest in serving the community by volunteering as a KMB board member.
4. Following discussion, the Board unanimously elected Corey Brown and Robert Wood as Vice Chair. Anna will continue to serve as Secretary.
5. The December 3, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved following a motion by Robert Wood and second by Linda Scott. The January 7, 2025 meeting was cancelled due to the incoming winter weather.
6. Anna shared that the 2025 Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) dues, one of the criteria for affiliation, has been paid. The KTB annual report is due on February 27, and she will submit this in the coming weeks. Anna announced that Nita Wylie resigned from the Keep Marshall Beautiful board. An announcement will be shared on social media and in the city's newsletter of the vacancy. Board members were also encouraged to think about a possible member to fill the vacancy. The 2025 calendar was distributed to the board which agreed to continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month but cancel the July 1, 2025 given the Independence Day holiday the same week.

Anna introduced the students and sponsor of the Marshall High School Interact Club. They shared that they as one of their service projects this year, they would like to clean up the area along Blanche and State Street between Poplar and Highway 80. Anna met with the students and Mrs. Jones last week. Due to the students' schedules and extracurricular activities, the date identified for "Operation Overlooked" is Saturday, March 22 from 8:00-noon with Saturday, April 5 being the alternate date. Anna will check the KMB closet to inventory the supplies on hand.

7. Corey shared his idea to have a monthly trash pick-up in different areas across town and seek participation from service clubs and student organizations to pitch in and help. The board decided to aim for having monthly pick-ups beginning with the Interact Club project in March and continuing on the 4th Saturday of each month.

There was discussion about having a Litter in Schools education program and finding a faculty connection at one of the schools to help promote and coordinate the initiative. An example was given of turning litter into art and then exhibiting this at the Convention Center or perhaps coordinating this with the Michelson Museum of Art.

8. Upon a motion made by Melanie and second by Renae, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4.