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Dear Fellow Georgist:

Two months lapse in time or almost makes news of the election of the Fairhope Single Tax Corp., a little out of date, but I'm afraid if Claude had been elected it might have been even longer when I look at the length of the minutes from the meetings they have had since the election. It is an indication that there has been plenty of work for the officers to do.

William C. (Jack) Lucey was elected president; he's a relative new comer to F'hope, but did spend last year as head of our public relations committee. He spent 30 or 40 years with the Red Cross, and seems to be pretty well off financially, so he should be able to devote ample time to the position and not have to make a living on the side.

The new vice president is John Wienand, a real nice guy who has had family in Fairhope since the beginning and has retired in the area. The same can be said of the new Secretary, Gale Rowe. His father-in-law served on the council for many years, and I can't think of anyone who is better qualified for the office.

The council stayed the same with John Parker, Tom Brown, Rick Boone, Robert Mason and Charlie Ingersoll. This body of men actually carry on the business of operating the corporation.

We do have a new trustee in Ernest Bailey, a local attorney. The other trustees are Bart Jennings, and Allan Hoffman. During the election an amendment was passed to give the trustees the power to act as a "supreme court" in the matters of interpreting the constitution and the "rules of procedure"; which means only by an election of the members can any judgement of the trustees be overturned.

The question as to whether we should contribute to the making of the television series on the life of Henry George failed by only 10 votes. The closest issue in the election, and a number of the local proponents of the question would like to see us try that question again. Nothing has been done actively yet, and I'll try to keep you informed as to any such development.

There will be a quarterly meeting held for members and lessees this Thursday Mar 27th. These meetings have been set up to improve relations between the corporation and it's lessees, Other positive steps have been taken.

These steps have not stopped the active work of about 70 dissatisfied lessees who are trying to have the Corp. dissolved in the state legislature, and there will again be a bill entered this spring by our local senator Bob Gullage and legislator Walter Penry to abolish the corp. What action the Corp. intends to take I don't

know, but hopefully it will be a topic for discussion at the quarterly meeting.

Claude nor I were appointed to serve on any committee, nor fill any official capacity for the corporation, so hopefully we will have more time to devote to the other aspects of the Georgist activities.

The education committee of the corporation did start a new class in fundamental economics with 16 people taking the course. Sam Dyson is the instructor, and they are holding classes on Tue. and Wed. night at 7:30 P.M.

The corporation has a public relations firm and they are mailing out quarterly reports. I'm sure that if anyone would like to get on the mailing list you could probably request that you be added as an interested Georgist and send the office your address. Fairhope Single Tax Corp. 336 Fairhope Ave. Fairhope Ala., 36532 By doing that hopefully you might be able to keep more up to date than I have been able to do for you.

Here's thanking you all for your good work.

Sincerely

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