

A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held October 12th, 2016 at 2:30pm at the John Green Library, located at 275 Mills Street, Collierville, Tennessee

The following members of the Heritage Commission were present: Betty Edmunds, Joe Clayton, Mary Alice Brock, Cheri Kilmurray, Nancy Bassett, John Shepherd, and Taylor Stamps. Jennifer Cordell, and Mayor Stan Joyner, Clarene Russell, Kayla Smith were absent.

Staff members present were Museum Director, Brooke Mundy

Mr. Shepherd called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 10, 2016

Mr. Shepherd asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the August 10th, 2016 meeting minutes.

Mrs. Bassett made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Clayton. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion is approved.

Museum Director's Report

Ms. Mundy reported that the position of Assistant Town Administrator has been filled. Two individuals were hired,

Ms. Mundy stated 1,633 people visited since the last meeting.

The Museum's Train Heritage Day on August 13th had 850 attendees.

Ms. Mundy stated that museum had a table at the Rosemark Country Fair.

Lee Henwood of HARE will be giving a lecture on Thursday, October 13th on the practice of Metal Detecting. Steve Cole will be the Lunch n' Learn speaker on October 27th and he will be speaking about General Forrest's Cattle Raid campaign in Fayette County during the Civil War.

Ms. Mundy announces that the museum is hosting a kid's Dairy Workshop on October 14th. They will make ice cream, cheese, and butter.

Ms. Mundy stated that October's Spotlight Saturday will be Dairy Day on October 22nd, 10:00am-4:00pm in the Museum's parking lot. The Friends of the Morton Museum will hold a Homemade Ice Cream Contest at the event.

Ms. Mundy stated that the Museum visited Collierville Elementary to conduct their 5th Grade field trip with community expert volunteers.

Ms. Mundy stated that the museum opened its new exhibit on the history of the Collierville Fire Department that will run through October.

-Mr. Clayton recalls a time when the firemen were not allowed to take the fire truck outside of the Collierville City limits.

Ms. Mundy announced that the museum has hired a new Collections and Special Projects Coordinator, Nur Abdalla.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Mundy asks the Commission if they are familiar with an exhibit that may have been at the museum before her employment on George Washington Gordon. Mr. Shepherd stated that George Washington Gordon was a school teacher in Memphis, but no one recalled an exhibit on Mr. Gordon being on display at the Morton Museum at any time.

Mrs. Kilmurray gave an update on the Main Street Collierville board with the resignation of Laura Todd. Mrs. Todd's last day as Executive Director will be November 8th, 2016.

Mrs. Edmunds asked about the status on the Frisco 1351 Project. Ms. Mundy reported that the project is still going forward. Mr. Stamps stated that his understanding was that bids had gone out and that the group is seeking resources to get the work done.

Mrs. Edmunds announced that the Biblical Museum will be hosting Dr. Flint from British Columbia, Canada for a lecture on the Dead Sea Scrolls on November 3rd and 4th. A reception will follow at the Biblical Museum.

Mrs. Bassett gave an update on the Biblical Museum. The Board of the Biblical Museum are seeking a new Director and Mrs. Bassett will oversee the museum through December 2016. They will continue hosting groups and will be assisting the Morton Museum with a field trip on November 10th, 2016.

-Mrs. Edmunds stated she is glad that Collierville is able to have two museums in the community.

Mr. Shepherd inquired about bringing in large trains for the museum's annual Train Day event. Ms. Mundy replied that they are looking into that for next year's event and plan to contact the railroad about the possibility of bringing in a special train for the event.

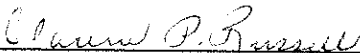
Mrs. Kilmurray recommended the World War II museum in New Orleans as an excellent museum to visit if in New Orleans, LA.

The members toured the John Green library.

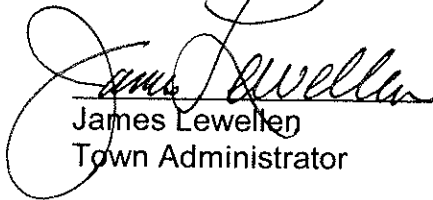
The next meeting will be held November 9th, 2016 at 2:30pm at the Morton Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, at approximately 3:30pm, Mr. Shepherd adjourned the meeting.



Mrs. Clarene Russell
Chairman, Heritage Commission



James Lewellen
Town Administrator

