

A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held July 11th, 2018 at 2:30pm at the Morton Museum 196 N. Main Street, Collierville, Tennessee

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

Staff member present was Special Project's Coordinator, Elizabeth Datskou.

Nancy Bassett called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 11th, 2018

Mrs. Bassett asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the April 11th, 2018 meeting minutes.

Mr. Clayton motioned to approve the minutes. Mrs. Edmunds seconded. The minutes were approved.

Museum Director's Report

Ms. Datskou reported that the Museum's year to date attendance has been 3,121 visitors, a 4% increase from the same time last year.

Upcoming programs at the Museum are:

- 7/12 – Lunch n' Learn: Gardening with Veterans
- 7/14 – Adult DIY workshop – Paper Cut Art
- 7/17 – Kids Summer Workshop: Tie-Dye Naturally
- 7/20 – Christmas in July, Christmas Luau with Santa for Story Time
- 7/21 - Adult DIY workshop: Flower Arranging
- 7/23 – Artist Reception at Town Hall: Employee Show
- 7/24 – Kids Summer Workshop: Nocturnal Animals
- 7/26 – Lunch n' Learn: Dixon Gallery and Gardens
- 7/26 Artist Reception at the Museum: Alisa Free's closing reception
- 7/28 – Adult DIY: Calligraphy
- 8/9 – Lunch n' Learn: The Memphis Zoo
- 8/9 – Artist Reception at the Harrell Theatre: Dale Crum
- 8/11 – 2018 Train Heritage Day

Ms. Datskou shared that the Museum's Master Local Historian Program in May went well for a first run. There were 25 participants and interest from others in a future class.

Ms. Datskou reported that the Museum's newest exhibit, *Finding Center* by Alisa Free, opened at the beginning of the summer and it will run until August 3rd. Ms. Datskou also reported that the next exhibit will open in late August and is titled, *The American Flag*, on loan from the Knights of Columbus.

Ms. Datskou announced that summer programming attendance is 260 for June and July so far and all workshops have been completely booked.

OLD BUSINESS

The discussion about the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) commemorate bricks project was re-opened. Ms. Datskou reported that the VFW has a new commander in charge of the project and is in a transition period as the new commander gets settled in.

The group also discussed the Commercial Appeals article regarding the Wall of Mayors.

NEW BUSINESS

Donations:

Ms. Datskou presented two photographs and a yearbook from Collierville High School from 1986 being donated by Kaye Guy. Discussion ensued about the history of the photographs and yearbook. Ms. Datskou asked the committee if they had any Collierville High School yearbooks they would like to donate to complete the Museum's collection.

Mrs. Brock made a motion to accept the two photographs and yearbook. Mrs. Edmunds seconded. All were in favor. The motion was passed and the items will be accepted.

Ms. Datskou presented a collection of newspaper clippings and a book, *Collierville: A Place Called Home*, that had been dropped off in the Museum's mailbox and asked the committee if they knew who the clippings belonged to.

Discussion ensued on how to handle Found in Collections items.

Ms. Datskou presented a Wonder Horse donated to the Museum by Mr. Garavelli.

Mrs. Edmunds made a motion to accept the Wonder Horse, the newspaper clippings, and *Collierville: A Place Called Home* book. Mrs. Brock seconded. All were in favor. The motion was passed and the item will be accepted.

Discussion of Cheri Kilmurray and Main Street's ghost tours ensued.

Mrs. Bassett, in Mrs. Stamps absence, gave a treasury report on the Friends of the Morton Museum. The Friends have a balance of \$19,900 through donations for the school bus grant and the restoration of the Frisco 1351.

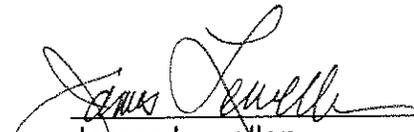
Discussion ensued about the construction of the new Collierville High School.

The next meeting will be held October 10th, 2018 at 2:30pm at the Morton Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, at approximately 3:05pm. Mrs. Bassett adjourned the meeting.


Mrs. Clarene Russell
Chairman, Heritage Commission


James Lewellen
Town Administrator