

A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held July 10th, 2019 at 2:30pm at the Morton Museum 196 N. Main Street, Collierville, Tennessee

The following members of the Heritage Commission were present: Nancy Bassett, Mayor Stan Joyner, Joe Clayton, Betty Edmunds, Mary Alice Brock, Luke Stevens, and John Moore. Absent member were: Jenny Cordell and Cheri Kilmurray, and Taylor Stamps.

Staff member present was Collections & Special Projects Coordinator, Elizabeth Datskou.

Chairman Mrs. Betty Edmunds called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 10th, 2019

Mrs. Edmunds asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the April 10th, 2019 meeting minutes.

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

Museum Director's Report

Ms. Datskou provided the Director's report in Ms. Mundy's absence:

Year to Date Attendance: 3,406, 9% increase from same time last year.

Upcoming programs at the Museum are:

- 7/11 – Lunch n' Learn: Grandkid's Day
- 7/13 – Adult DIY workshop: Leaf Casting
- 7/16-7/18 – YMCA Field Trips
- 7/17 – Kids Summer Workshop: Buzzing Bees with Lichterman Nature Center
- 7/19 – Christmas in July, Christmas Luau with Santa for Story Time, 10am-12pm
- 7/20 – Adult DIY Workshop: Basket Weaving
- 7/24 – Kids Summer Workshop: LEGOS
- 7/25 – Lunch n' Learn: Port of Memphis
- 7/27 – Adult DIY workshop: Macrame Weaving
- 8/3 – Book Club Meeting, Title: Voice of the Dead by John Babb (local author)
- 8/3 - Artist Reception at Museum: Jacque Sligh, 2pm-4pm
- 8/8 – Lunch n' Learn: West Tennessee World War Contributions, Jimmy Ogle
- 8/10 – 2019 Train Heritage Day, 10am – 4pm
- 8/22 – Lunch n' Learn: Davies Manor, Andy Ross

The Director reported that the next exhibit will open in early September and is titled, *The Greatest Legislation*, on loan from the American Legion. There will special programming planned in September in conjunction with the exhibit including a panel of veterans who received the GI Bill.

OLD BUSINESS

Civil War Booklet Project:

Mrs. Bassett reported that the commission and research committee are meeting at the John Green library to organize the research for the book.

Diana DuDois gave Mrs. Bassett the research for the book that Charlie Wiggins wrote so the commission would know what has already been written about Collierville's Civil War history.

Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Edmunds, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Clayton will review Mr. Wiggins book.

Mrs. Bassett will assist in identifying a copy writer and printer.

The research committee meets at John Green's library on Saturday mornings and is going through the documents and discarding duplicates.

There have been additional documents discovered from Clarene Russell's house not related to Civil War history among the Civil War research that the commission stated should be archived separately.

Discussion of the date of the Lee residence ensued.

The Heritage Commission will continue to assist with the Civil War book project.

Discussion of John Green Library and Collierville Schools administration as archive storage locations and potential challenges with certain locations ensued.

Mayor Joyner asked what the publishing cost might be for the Civil War book. Mrs. Bassett replied that it depends on the parameters of the book. She also stated that there are grants available that can help.

Mr. Moore asked if there is a "This Day in History" that exists for Collierville. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor gave an update on the Center street enhancements and the Collierville Schools Administration building renovations.

The next meeting will be held January 8th, 2020 at 2:30pm at the Morton Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, at approximately 3:07pm. Mrs. Edmunds adjourned the meeting.

Mrs. Betty Edmunds
Chairman, Heritage Commission

Brooke Mundy
Museum Director