

A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held January 10th, 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, Joe Clayton, Betty Edmunds, Mayor Stan Joyner, and William Beutelschies. Absent members were: Clarene Russell, Cheri Kilmurray, Taylor Stamps, John Shepherd, and Jenny Cordell.

Staff members present were Museum Director, Brooke Mundy, Collections and Special Project's Coordinator, Elizabeth Datskou, and Assistant Town Administrator, Daniel Estes.

Mrs. Nancy Bassett introduced Mr. Estes as the Assistant Town Administrator, Ms. Datskou as the new Collections and Special Project's Coordinator for the Museum, and William Beutelschies as the student member.

Vice Chairman Mrs. Nancy Bassett called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 11, 2017

Mrs. Bassett asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the October 11th, 2017 meeting minutes.

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

Museum Director's Report

Ms. Mundy reported that the Museum has had 3,253 visitors since October.

Upcoming programs at the Museum are:

- 1/11 – Lunch n' Learn: Brain Training
- 1/25 – Lunch n' Learn: Jimmy Ogle, Memphis during WWI to the Great Depression
- 1/24 – CHS Art Reception at Town Hall
- 2/8 – Lunch n' Learn: YMCA
- 2/10 – Spotlight: Ragtime Dance Party
- 2/22 – The Hermitage: African American Genealogy
- 2/28 & 3/1 – Over Here, Over There (TSLA)

Ms. Mundy reported the Museum is welcoming Amy Bouche as the Museum's new Visitor Services Coordinator and Elizabeth Datskou as the Museum's new Collections and Special Project's Coordinator.

Ms. Mundy reported some highlights to look forward to in the upcoming months. Ms. Mundy and Ms. Datskou will be History Day Judges on 1/18 at St. George's, the Collierville District Learning Day will be on 2/16, and the Public Works Exhibit which will go up in April.

Ms. Mundy reported that she was excited to be housing a special traveling exhibit from the NWWIM in Kansas City. This exhibit looks at American Volunteers prior to America joining WWI and during.

In 2017, the Museum offered 155 programs, hosted 1,160 students, and featured 20 temporary exhibits. Museum volunteers contributed just under 500 hours of time helping the Museum and the Museum partnered with 40 community organizations to create engaging and exciting events and programs. The Museum also received 5 awards of Excellence from the Tennessee Association of Museums.

Ms. Mundy reported that she was looking forward to an exciting 2018 and the flower show hosted by the Shelby East Garden Club. The Museum will also bring in an artist to backdrop the garden show and will be hosting art and nature programs. Train Heritage Day will be in August and Ms. Mundy will try to make it an even larger event than last year.

Discussion ensued about the Frisco 1351.

Ms. Mundy spoke about the Frisco 1351 art contest and the winner's piece will be donated to the Museum. Prints are being sold and the proceeds will go to the restoration of the Frisco 1351.

Discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no new donations given to the Museum since the last meeting.

Ms. Mundy reported that the Commander of the Collierville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) asked the Museum if anyone on the Heritage Commission would be able to identify veterans from the list provided and who potential contacts could be for them.

Ms. Mundy reported that this information would help the VFW with a project to potentially create a walkway of bricks with the veteran's names outside the current VFW.

Joe Clayton and Betty Edmunds were able to identify many veterans on the list and potential contacts.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Joyner spoke about the progression of the new school and the publicity it has been getting from the news.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Joyner spoke about the old Public Works building located in the Food Pantry. He suggested Bill Kilp as a point of contact. Mr. Kilp was there when Public Works moved into their new building.

Ms. Mundy spoke about modern sewage that wasn't installed in Collierville until the 1930s. There was some protest in the paper about the new sewage plant.

Mayor Joyner spoke about the old sewage plant and how it was in Cox Park until it turned septic around the 1970s.

Discussion ensued.

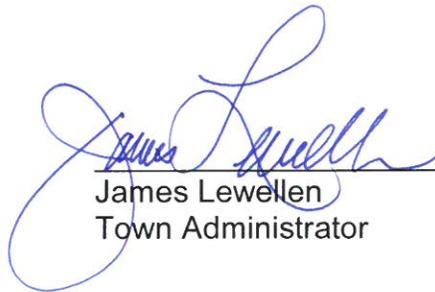
The next meeting will be held April 11th, 2018 at 2:30pm at the Morton Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, at approximately 3:00pm. Mrs. Bassett adjourned the meeting.



Mrs. Clarene Russell
Chairman, Heritage Commission



James Lewellen
Town Administrator