

A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held January 8th, 2020 at 2:30pm at the Morton Museum 196 N. Main Street, Collierville, Tennessee.

The following members of the Heritage Commission were present: Vice Chairman Nancy Bassett, Taylor Stamps, Skeeter Rutledge, Ginny Nanney, John Moore, Mary Alice Brock, and Pavani Epparla (student).

The following staff were present: Museum Director Lydia Warren, Director of Tourism Ashley Carver, and Director of Parks and Recreation Greg Clark.

Vice-Chairman Nancy Bassett called the meeting to order in the absence of Chairman Betty Edmunds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Bassett asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the October 9th, 2019 meeting minutes.

The attendance was corrected on the minutes from the October 9th, 2019 meeting and the spelling of Betty Olny. Minutes were approved.

NEW DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION

Ms. Bassett introduces new Director of the Morton Museum, Lydia Warren.

UPDATE ON COLLIERVILLE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Ashley Carver reported that the Collierville 150 website is up and running, and that the Town had commissioned and received the 150 portrait that will hang in Town Hall for a year and be part of the museum's collection.

Ashley Carver also reported on 150 plans for banners down Byhaila Rd. As well as the upcoming Chamber Luncheon being dedicated to the celebration of Collierville's 150 in the hopes of encouraging local businesses to use the 150 logo around the town.

NEW BUSINESS

Ashley Carver asked about the Heritage Commission's thoughts on compiling facts about Collierville for a bulletin that was mentioned in the 'New Business' section of the minutes from the meeting on October 9th, 2019.

Ms. Bassett introduced the Heritage Commission's new high school intern.

Greg Clark suggested changing the Heritage Commission's meeting time from 2:30pm to 3pm due to the schedule change put in place by Collierville High School that does not release children

from school until 2:30pm. Ms. Bassett asked if they needed to vote, and Greg Clark clarified that they did not need to vote. Everyone was in agreement and the Heritage Commission meetings will now be scheduled for 3pm to allow the new high school intern to arrive on time.

Ms. Bassett asked about creating a list of Collierville's previous mayors which was request by Bill Kelsey. A commission member volunteered to contact Bill Kelsey.

Ms. Bassett suggested that they also add to their research the history of Sycamore Road, which she volunteered to handle.

Ms. Bassett reported that the Civil War group is planning on releasing their book on the anniversary of the Battle of Collierville. She mentioned that Town Administrator James Lewellen told her that there was leftover money from the Cox Canon that could be used for the printing costs of the book. Ms. Bassett stated that they were in communication with a local publisher.

Ashley Carver reported that there are two other new staff members. Katie Bailey, the education coordinator and Lilli Wallace, the Collections Coordinator. She mentions to meet them in passing.

MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lydia Warren reported that the 2019 yearly attendance number was 7, 834 and yearly attendance from 2018 was 8,713. She explains the drop was due to closures and program cancellations during the staff transitions.

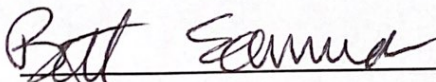
Lydia Warren reports that the museum is now fully staffed. She mentioned an exhibit opening on January 17th, 2020 as well as the continuation of Story Time and Community Art Galleries. Her goals are to complete a strategic plan as well as a new 5-year plan for the Morton Museum and begin a new focus on community engagement.

OLD BUSINESS

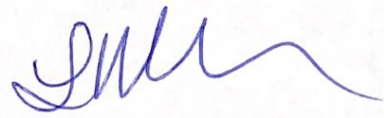
None.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting scheduled for April 15, 2020 at new time of 3pm. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.



Ms. Nancy Bassett
Vice-Chairman, Heritage Commission



Lydia Warren
Museum Director