



Town of Collierville

A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held on July 13, 2022 at 5:03pm at the Morton Museum of Collierville History, located at 196 N. Main Street, Collierville, Tennessee.

The following members of the Heritage Commission were present: Skeeter Rutledge, John Moore, Ginny Nanney, Mary Alice Brock, Betty Edmunds, Taylor Stamps, and Annette Key.

Staff member present was Museum Director, Kate Renner.

Betty Edmunds called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 11, 2022

Ms. Edmunds asked if there were any corrections or additions to the May 11, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Brock provided a correction stating that the items offered for acquisition at the May 11 meeting were offered on behalf of Collierville Schools, not herself. Ms. Renner confirmed that she would make the needed correction. As there were no further corrections or additions, Ms. Edmunds called for approval of the Heritage Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Rutledge made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Stamps seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion was approved.

MUSEUM REPORT

Ms. Renner shared updates on Museum programming and events that occurred following the previous Heritage Commission meeting.

Ms. Renner announced that the Morton Museum ranked fourth out of twenty in Kids Out And About's "Top 20 Places to Take Kids in Memphis". It is a great achievement for the Museum to have placed ahead of Memphis Public Library, Playhouse on the Square, Shelby Farms Park, YMCA, and other notable family venues across the Mid-South.

Ms. Renner stated Story Time continues to take place at the Museum every Friday, 10:30AM. Attendance remains consistent with an average of 15 participants. Some of the June Story Time themes included Libraries, Beehives, Kites, and Picnics.

Ms. Renner reported that the Museum continues its partnership with SRVS, providing a monthly Story Time event for adults with physical and learning differences. Their last event was on June 14, 2022 in which participants enjoyed readings and an art activity about the weather.

Ms. Renner stated that the 2022 Shelby East Garden Club Flower Show, hosted by the Museum on June 11 and 12, was a great success. This year's event featured horticulture and floral arrangements

celebrating the Museum's 10th anniversary. Ms. Renner noted that successful changes differing from previous Flower Shows included extended hours on Friday, and the addition of Saturday. Total attendance for the weekend was 200 people, double previous year's attendance.

Ms. Renner reported that the Museum's adult workshops have concluded for the summer. Adult workshops were held every Thursday in June from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, consisting of a 1-hour presentation on a theme related to Collierville History followed by a 1-hour art-making activity. Workshops were offered free of charge and registration filled for all four dates. Themes included: Life in the Victorian Garden, The Livery Stable, A River Called the Wolf, and Beyond the Bandstand.

Ms. Renner stated that the Museum's June event rentals were a great success. The Museum hosted a retirement reception for Fire Chief Billings (attendance: 94), rehearsal dinner (attendance: 50), and a memorial service (attendance: 30). Ms. Edmunds inquired if the Museum received payment for event rentals. Ms. Renner reported that the Museum will host events on behalf of the Town free of charge, however all private event rentals do provide income and are reasonably priced.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ms. Renner provided members of the Heritage Commission with a packet of flyers for upcoming events and programs taking place at the Museum.

Ms. Renner stated that the Museum's permanent gallery will be closed for minor renovations July 19 – 30, 2022 in honor of the Museum's 10th anniversary, however the Sanctuary and Community Art Gallery will remain open. All events and rentals will take place as scheduled.

Ms. Renner announced that upcoming preschool Story Time themes include butterflies, museum visits, and rivers.

Ms. Renner announced that the next SRVS Story Time for adults with special needs will be on August 2, 2022. The theme will be music.

Ms. Renner stated that 2022 Train Heritage Day will take place on Saturday, August 6 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. The event will include train displays and hands-on activities for all ages at the Museum, and additional activities will be available within walking distance at the Depot Visitors Center and Town Square Park Gazebo.

Ms. Renner invited all Heritage Commission members to the 10th Anniversary Reception on Thursday, August 11 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Mr. Morton and Town officials plan to attend. Event is open to the public. Reception will include refreshments, the unveiling of permanent gallery renovations, two new special exhibitions, and a guided tour about the architecture of the Museum's structure led by staff member Jamie Boelter.

Ms. Renner announced that the Fall 2022 Lunch & Learn series will kick-off on August 18 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. The theme of this event will be "Making & Preserving Stained Glass" led by local artist and conservator Suzie Hendrix. The following Lunch & Learn on Thursday, September 8 will feature a discussion about the Memphis Women's Legacy Trail presented by co-founders Deborah Clubb and Judy Card.

Ms. Renner reported that both special exhibitions currently on view will be closing at the end of July – *In Full Bloom, The Art of Lori Cook* and *Community Art Gallery: Through the Gardener's Lens*. Upcoming exhibitions taking their place include - *On A Mission: 10 Years of Preserving Collierville History* and *Community Art Gallery: Picturing Collierville* presented in partnership with the Burch Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Renner noted that the only item of unfinished business was regarding a "Friends of the Museum" Board member attending future Heritage Commission meetings to give a report on their upcoming events and initiatives. Ms. Renner received approval from Town Administration, as all Heritage Commission meetings are open to the public. Ms. Edmunds suggested a regularly scheduled six-month report from a "Friends of the Museum" Board members. Ms. Renner agreed that that seemed appropriate and stated that she would share this information with the Friends Board at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Items for Accession

Ms. Renner presented a group of three artworks which had previously been on long-term loan to the Museum, but that have recently been offered as permanent acquisitions. Artworks were created by Collierville resident Minnie Smith, who once worked at the local Wonder Products factory hand-painting Wonder Horses. Danny Parnell's (donor) mother worked alongside Minnie Smith at the Wonder Products factory in the 1960s. Artworks include a painting of an unknown Collierville house, a drawing of the Reid-Parnell house, and a unique resin sculpture in the style of an Asian mask. Ms. Edmunds asked if there was a motion to accept these three artworks into the Collection. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve. Ms. Brock seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion was approved.

Ms. Renner presented two more Collierville Elementary PTA scrapbooks (1989-90, 1990-91) provided to the Museum by Ms. Brock on behalf of Collierville Schools. Ms. Edmunds asked if there was a motion to accept these scrapbooks into the Collection. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve. Ms. Rutledge seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion was approved.


Ms. Renner presented a Southern Railway roster of signal and electrical lines mounted on its original clipboard (ca. 1930). The object was found by a Town of Collierville employee while cleaning out the offices of the old First Baptist Church prior to the structures demolition years ago. Ms. Edmunds asked if there was a motion to accept these three artworks into the Collection. Ms. Key made a motion to approve. Ms. Brock seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

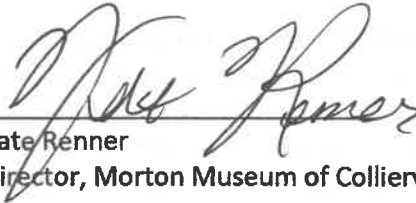
Ms. Edmunds asked if there were any additional items of business to be discussed. Commission agreed that nothing further needed to be addressed at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, at approximately 5:39 pm, Ms. Edmunds adjourned the meeting.



Mrs. Betty Edmunds
Chairman, Heritage Commission



Kate Renner
Director, Morton Museum of Collierville History