



## Town of Collierville

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A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held on July 12, 2023 at 4:00pm at the Morton Museum of Collierville History, located at 196 N. Main Street, Collierville, Tennessee.

The following members of the Heritage Commission were present: Annette Key, John Moore, Betty Edmunds, Skeeter Rutledge, Taylor Stamps, Ginny Nanney, and Mayor Stan Joyner. Staff member present was Museum Director, Kate Renner. Ms. Edmunds called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 10, 2023

Ms. Edmunds asked if there were any corrections or additions to the May 10, 2023 meeting minutes. A commission member requested the following phrase be added to the items of acquisition discussion regarding to the Kerley donation, "...motion to accept the Kerley donation items was made and failed due to lack of second". Ms. Key called for approval of the May 10 Heritage Commission with inclusion of the suggested amendment. Ms. Edmunds seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed. Motion was approved.

### MUSEUM REPORT

Ms. Renner gave a report on the following happenings at the Museum since the last meeting of the Heritage Commission:

- Collierville Blooms & Blossoms Flower Show, May 26-27, 2023 (attendance: 145)
- Youth Summer Workshop Series (Every Thursday in June, Ages 7-10)
  - Picturing Collierville in 1900, presented by Katie Broer Parr (attendance: 16)
  - Collierville's Trees & Leaves presented by Wolf River Conservancy (attendance: 23)
  - Daily Life on the TN Frontier presented by Neecole Gregory (attendance: 23)
  - Learning About My Family presented by TN Genealogical Society (attendance: 22)
- Tennessee Historical Commission Public Meeting, June 16, 2023 (attendance 50)
- Educator Workshop: Treaty of New Echota, partnership with TN State Museum (attendance 20)
- Weekly preschool Story Time met every Friday at 10:30am. (Average attendance 20-25)
  - Story Time Spotlight: Independence Day (attendance: 65)
  - Story Time Spotlight: Butterfly Garden (attendance: 57)
- New Community Art Gallery Exhibition by Collierville artist Amruta Bhat (July 11 – Sept 9, 2023)
- 'Friends of the Museum' Book Club met on May 30 and June 27. (Average attendance 6)
- SRVS Story Time partnership for adults with disabilities continues the first Tuesday of the month

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Ms. Renner provided the Commission with packets of flyers for upcoming events and programs at the Museum and stated all of the following programs are offered free of charge:

- **Adult Summer Workshops for ages 16+ – Every Thursday in June**
  - Photographs of Bessie Dean Parr, presented by Katie Broer Parr
  - Collierville's Trees & Leaves presented by Wolf River Conservancy
  - Genealogy Using Primary Sources presented by TN Genealogical Society
  - Birds of Collierville presented by Jennalyn Speer
- **Teen/Tween Field Trip to Museum, partner Burch Library – July 26, 2023**
- **"Friends" after-hours tour of new exhibition *Bellevue Female College* – Aug 22, 2023**
- **Weekly preschool Story Time – July 14 Grocery Shopping, July 21 Moon, July 28 Rocking Horses**
- **'Friends of the Museum' Book Club – July 25 and August 29, 2023**
- **Train Heritage Day – August 5, 2023**
- **Lunch & Learn – August 10 and September 13, 2023**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The only item of unfinished following the May 10, 2023 Heritage Commission meeting was discussion surrounding the Mayor Kerley donation items. Ms. Renner suggested this be included in the items of acquisition discussion due to the large quantity of donations being reviewed.

### POTENTIAL ITEMS FOR ACQUISITION

Ms. Renner led a review of the Commission's collecting policy established by the group in 2010. Ms. Renner presented the following items offered to the Museum for acquisition:

- **Collierville High School Yearbooks (1958-1994)**
- **"Re-elect Mayor Linda Kerley" Campaign T-Shirt (ca. 2003)**
- **Handwritten letter by Mayor Linda Kerley**
- **(3) funeral programs for Mayor Linda Kerley (November 2013)**
- **Collierville Life Magazine w/ cover image of Mayor Linda Kerley (April 2013)**
- **"Linda Kerley Center Opening" newspaper clipping (ca. 2016)**

Found in Linda Kerley Center closet and brought to the Museum by LKC staff for proper storage. Mayor Joyner suggested that the items could be loaned to the Lindy Kerley Center for display there. Multiple Commission members expressed interest in learning what other items related to municipal figures are in the Museum collection, a report on that info will be included in the September meeting agenda. Ms. Edmunds moved that the item be accepted. Mr. Moore seconded. Four were in favor, two were opposed. Motion approved.
- **Bible belonging to Anne Morton**
- **Funeral Programs for Anne Morton and Carolyn Morton**
- **Birth Certificate copy for Anne Morton**
- **Marriage Certificate copy for Virgil Bryan and Anne Morton**
- **Death Certificate for Ford Morton**

Donated by Jim Welman of Cordova. Museum Collections Coordinator performed extensive research and discovered that the aforementioned items belong to a Morton family in Memphis, of no relation to Collierville Morton families, and advised the donation be rejected.

Ms. Edmunds moved that the items be declined. Mr. Rutledge seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.

- **Collierville Telephone Directory (1967)**
- **Jacket sewing pattern made from Collierville Herald Newspapers (1947)**
- **Art print of Collierville Town Square (undated, original photo ca. 1850)**  
Donated by Pat Albee. Museum Collections Coordinator indicated that the museum collection already includes the 1967 telephone directory, and the jacket pattern in poor condition, thus advising rejecting these items. Collections Coordinator advocates that the art print be accepted. Ms. Edmunds made a motion to accept the art print only. Mr. Moore seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.
- **Framed image of Stage Coach Rest Stop (original photo ca. 1850)**
- **Framed proclamation for Joseph Clayton Day (1996)**
- **Program for dedication of Joe Clayton Library at Collierville Middle School (2009)**
- **CHS Pathfinder Yearbooks (1948, 1950)**
- **Framed oil pastel image of Peterson Lake by Minnie Smith (1986)**  
Donated by members of the Clayton Family. The donation included 30+ items, the above list are highlights, and Collections Coordinator advised that all items are found to be relevant to Collierville History. Ms. Renner made a motion to accept all of the items. Ms. Key seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

New business on the September agenda will include a staff report on what Collierville municipal figures are currently documented in the museum collection.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Renner 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 4:45pm, Ms. Edmunds adjourned the meeting.



Betty Edmunds  
Chairperson, Heritage Commission



Kate Renner  
Director, Morton Museum of Collierville History

