



Town of Collierville

A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held on January 10, 2024 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: Bill Kelsey, Steve Cole, John Moore, Annette Key, Sarah Kilmurray, Sam Nichols, Ginny Nanney, and Mayor Stan Joyner. Staff member present was Museum Director, Kate Renner and Collections & Special Projects Coordinator, Chandler Tait. Ms. Renner called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 13 and NOVEMBER 8, 2023

Ms. Renner asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the September 13, 2023 meeting minutes. As there were no corrections or additions, Ms. Renner called for approval of the Heritage Commission meeting minutes. Ms. Key made a motion to approve. Mr. Moore seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed. Minutes were approved.

Ms. Renner asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the November 8, 2023 meeting minutes. As there were no corrections or additions, Ms. Renner called for approval of the Heritage Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve. Ms. Nanney seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed. Minutes were approved.

MUSEUM REPORT

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

- Overall museum attendance in 2023 totaled 7,700 – a 24% increase over 2022.
- Contemporary Club Holiday Market, December 9 (total attendance: 600)
- Friends of the Museum Book Club Holiday Party, December 12 (attendance: 9)
- Story Time with Santa, December 15 (attendance: 150)
- Weekly Preschool Story Time, Every Friday (average attendance: 20)
- Two new exhibitions on view:
 - Community Art Gallery - *A Passionate Vision*, photographs of Collierville by artist Adarryll Jackson, Sr. On view through March 2, 2024.
 - Temporary Gallery - *Southern Railway*, the history of Southern Railway Company featuring local and national memorabilia. On view through April 20, 2024.

UPCOMING EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS

Ms. Renner presented the following upcoming reminders and events:

- Evening Concert: Andy Harnsberger & Caitlin Jones – January 23, 2024
- Lunch & Learn: Lynching Sites Project Quilt Initiative – February 8, 2024
- Friends of the Museum Book Club – January 31 and February 28, 2024
- Lunch & Learn: 19th Century Railway Labor – March 14, 2024
- Upcoming preschool Story Time themes include telephones, museums, Valentine’s Day, Chinese New Year, and Black History Month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At a past meeting there was a discussion about what items the museum has in our collection related to Mayors and their campaigns. Museum staff compiled a list and presented it at the November 8 meeting where only three Heritage Commission members were present. The list was presented again at the January 10 meeting to ensure all members had the opportunity to review the information.

NEW BUSINESS

Voting was held for 2024 Heritage Commission office holders.

- 2023 Chair, Ms. Edmunds, requests to step down as office holder in 2024. Ms. Edmunds put forth Ms. Nanney as a candidate for the position. Ms. Renner made a call for other Chair candidates; no other names were put forth. Ms. Renner made a motion to approve of Ms. Nanney as Chair. All were in favor, none were opposed. Ms. Nanney was elected Chair of the Heritage Commission for 2024.
- 2023 Vice Chair, Ms. Brock, completed her term on the Heritage Commission and is not returning for the coming year. Ms. Renner put forth Mr. Moore as a candidate for the position. Ms. Renner made a call for other Vice Chair candidates; no other names were put forth. Ms. Renner made a motion to approve of Mr. Moore as Vice Chair. All were in favor, none were opposed. Mr. Moore was elected Vice Chair of the Heritage Commission for 2024.
- Ms. Renner volunteered to continue as Secretary for 2024. Ms. Renner made a call for other Secretary candidates; no other names were put forth. Ms. Renner made a motion to approve herself as 2024 Secretary of the Heritage Commission. All were in favor, none were opposed. Ms. Renner returns as Secretary of the Heritage Commission for 2024.

POTENTIAL ITEMS FOR ACQUISITION

Ms. Tait presented the following item offered to the Museum for acquisition:

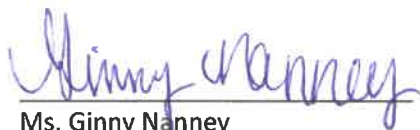
- **Collierville Herald Newspaper "Christmas Edition" (2003)**
Donated by Erin Daniels. Ms. Key moved that the item be accepted. Mr. Kelsey seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.
- **Collierville Christian Church Postcard (ca. 1900-1920)**
Item was found and purchased on Ebay by museum staff. It is an original (blank) postcard depicting the church, not a reproduction. Ms. Renner moved that the item be accepted. Mr. Moore seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, at approximately 4:34pm, Ms. Renner adjourned the meeting.



Ms. Ginny Nanney
Chair, Heritage Commission



Ms. Kate Renner
Director, Morton Museum of Collierville History

