



Town of Collierville

A regular meeting of the Collierville Heritage Commission was held on March 13, 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: Annette Key, Taylor Stamps, Bill Kelsey, Steve Cole, John Moore, Ginny Nanney, Sam Nichols, and Skeeter Rutledge. Staff members present were Museum Director, Kate Renner and Collections & Special Projects Coordinator, Neecole Gregory. Ms. Nanney called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2024

Ms. Nanney asked if there were any corrections or additions needed to the January 10, 2024 meeting minutes. As there were no corrections or additions, Ms. Nanney called for approval of the Heritage Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve. Mr. Kelsey seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed. Minutes were approved.

MUSEUM REPORT

Ms. Renner congratulated Neecole Gregory on her recent promotion to Collections & Special Projects Coordinator. Weslea Grafton has been hired as the museum's new Visitor Services Coordinator.

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

- Sections of the stained glass windows lining the N Main Street wall of the Sanctuary have been temporarily transported off-site for restoration work. The Town of Collierville's Director of General Services, Derek Honeycutt, has led the project. Beelines Studio has been contracted for the leading portion and John Schrack will repair the wood casings around the windows. The restoration work is expected to take several months, but an end date has not yet been determined.
- Evening Concert: Harnsberger & Jones Marimba Duo, January 23 (total attendance: 55)
- Friends of the Museum Book Club, January 31 (attendance: 9)
- Lunch & Learn: Lynching Sites Project, February 8 (attendance: 15)
- Friends of the Museum Book Club, February 28 (attendance: 9)
- Weekly Preschool Story Time, Every Friday (average attendance: 20)
- Special Story Time: Fire Dept Guest Reader and Fire Truck Tour (attendance: 75)

- A new exhibition recently opened in the Community Art Gallery – *Nature’s Palette: Art Inspired by the Earth* featuring oil landscape paintings by Collierville artist Wes Ashworth (on view through May 4, 2024).

UPCOMING EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS

Ms. Renner presented the following upcoming reminders and events:

- Lunch & Learn: 19th Century Railway Labor – March 14, 2024
- Special Story Time: Inis Acla School of Irish Dance performance – March 15, 2024
- Spring Break Family Activity: Introduction To Garden Railways – March 21, 2024
- Evening Concert: “American Classics” Iris Collective – March 26, 2024
- Friends of the Museum Book Club – March 27 and April 24, 2024
- Lunch & Learn: 12 Ways to Transform Your Community Through Gardening – April 11, 2024
- Field Trips: Sycamore Elementary on March 28 & Memphis Area Homeschool on April 3, 2024
- Friends of the Museum Annual Meeting ft. James Lewellen – April 25, 2024
- Upcoming preschool Story Time themes include friendship, visiting the dentist, and Earth Day

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Renner noted that there were no items of unfinished business following the January 10, 2024 Heritage Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cole presented an article published in North South Trader’s Civil War magazine that featured a Williams Gun cannon ball in the Morton Museum’s collection and photographed by Mr. Cole. The publication did not cite the museum or Mr. Cole. He contacted the publisher and they printed a correction of the error in their latest edition about the source of the dug relic and photo image.

POTENTIAL ITEMS FOR ACQUISITION

Ms. Gregory presented the following items offered to the Museum for acquisition:

- **(28) Pamphlets and documents related to Collierville.**
 - Coca-Cola Letterhead, Vote Counting Slip (1975)
 - “Partners in Progress” Flyer (1975)
 - Cox vs. Neville Jr. Voting Slip (ca 1975 – 1979)
 - “Partners in Progress” Blank Voting Slip (May 17, 1975)
 - “Partners in Progress” Voting Slip with Tally (May 17, 1975)
 - “Partners in Progress” Mayor Cox Political Cards (1975)
 - “Partners in Progress” Mayor Cox Political Cards (1979)
 - “Collierville Mayor Pledges...” News Clipping (ca 1975 – 1979)

- “Partners in Progress” Promotional Napkin (1975)
- “Bitterness Permeates Collierville...” News Clipping (1975)
- “Partners in Progress” Promotional Button (1975)
- “Cox-Headed Ticket Sweeps...” News Clipping (1975)
- “Police, City Manager Issues...” News Clipping (May 17, 1975)
- “100th Anniversary of Collierville, TN” Booklet (1970)
- Official Town of Collierville Map (1976)
- Collierville Bicentennial Banquet Pamphlet (April 22, 1976)
- “A Look at Collierville, Tennessee” Pamphlet (1960)
- “A Look at Collierville, Tennessee” Pamphlet (1965)
- Collierville Street Map & Resource Guide (2009)
- “Welcome to Historic Collierville” Artistic Guide (1994)
- Collierville Street Map & Resource Guide (2007)
- Collierville Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory & Guide (2003-2004)
- “Visit Historic Collierville, TN” Pamphlet (1996)
- “Map of Collierville” courtesy of Joyner Realty Co, Inc. (1989)
- “Map of Collierville” courtesy of The Citizens Bank (undated)
- “Collierville Magazine” Issue (2015)
- “Map of Collierville, TN” Advertisers Index (undated)
- Collierville Street Map & Resource Guide (undated)

Donated by James Thompson. Ms. Nanney called for a motion to approve the donation items. Mr. Nichols moved that the items be accepted. Mr. Kelsey seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

- **“The Quarterly: Communications For & About Collierville”, Summer 1998 edition**
Donated by Erin Daniels. Ms. Nanney called for a motion to approve the donation items. Mr. Kelsey moved that the items be accepted. Mr. Cole seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

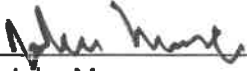
Ms. Renner asked if there were any additional items of business to be discussed. Mr. Kelsey presented the following items for discussion.

1. Reprinting his “Magnolia Cemetery Civil War Tour” booklet using Town funds.
2. Instructions for accessing the collection of Collierville Herald scans purchased and digitized by the Museum.
3. Updates to the Nikki McCray Park historical marker following her passing and a permanent display in her honor at the Collierville High School gymnasium.

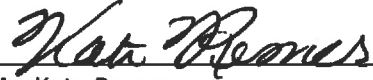
Ms. Renner stated she will look into all three topics and report her findings at the next Heritage Commission meeting on May 8, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, at approximately 4:48pm, Ms. Nanney adjourned the meeting.



Mr. John Moore
Vice Chair, Heritage Commission



Ms. Kate Renner
Director, Morton Museum of Collierville History