

**FARRAGUT FOLKLIFE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING
FARRAGUT TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
JUNE 23, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lou LaMarche, Chair
Jack Haines, Vice Chair
Loretta Bradley, Secretary
Carol Sinclair, Gift Shop Manager
Carolyn Coker

Libbie Haynes
Doris (Dee) Henning
Joyce Moran
Steve Stow
Mul Wyman

STAFF PRESENT

Julia Barham, Museum Coordinator
Sue Stuhl, Director of Parks and Leisure Services

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jack Bondurant

The meeting was convened at 1:30 pm. by Chairman Lou LaMarche after a brief prayer.

MINUTES: The May 2013 Minutes was approved as written with one correction. Dr. Earl Hess's Civil War Lecture was on June 23, 2013, not June 24, 2013.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Lou LaMarche reported Current Revenue: TOF Balance -\$54,177.78; Museum Checking Balance - \$54,200; Gift Shop Balance - \$ 6,565.45, with the Current Revenue being \$ 423.20. State Farm Liability Insurance \$ 324.00.

GIFT SHOP REPORT AND CABINET LISTINGS: Carol Sinclair reported Gift Shop Revenue for 2013 March – April, \$ 453.20; April – May, \$ 366.20; May – June, \$ 666.20, with a Total Revenue - \$ 6,619.66.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MUSEUM COORDINATOR: Julia Barham voiced concern about who would drive float riders to the Parade Assembly Site. Jack Haines volunteered to drive them. Julia stated that new committee officers will be elected at the August 6 dinner meeting. Farragut's Kid Day is Saturday, 9:30 am. August 24, 2013. All FFM Committee members have signed the volunteer list. Julia will present the Yearly Goals to the BOMA. All have been accomplished except membership. Officially, Julia has changed her name to "Julia Barham."

PRESERVING FARRAGUT'S BIRTHPLACE / FARRAGUT HISTORICAL HERITAGE:

Mul Wyman reported that a "Sold" sign is on the Stony Point lots. He talked with Mrs. Fitzgerald who stated that she was not selling the lots. There remains some confusion. Mul stated that his wife's grandfather fought in the Shiloh Civil War Battle, was injured and received a pension.

PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES: Director Sue Stuhl reported that Farragut's Master Plan will be reviewed July 18, 2013, or early August. The Town has submitted a letter of intent to purchase the Russell House. It will be reviewed at the BOMA meeting. The cost is 1.2 million. The purchase offer is for the house and dairy, not the Whittle Property behind the house. All parties have 60 days to confirm the transaction. The chimneys must be replaced. It is not feasible to move Farragut Folklife Museum to the Russell House.

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT COLLECTION UPDATE: Julia stated that the subcommittee has met and approved the artifacts to purchase. A letter has been sent to Paul DeHaan.

BLACK HISTORY: Loretta Bradley will present her plans for the 2014 Black History Program at the FFM Committee Meeting on August 27, 2013.

COMMITTEE GOALS REVIEW: Chair Lou LaMarche agreed with Julia that the FFM Committee had met all of the established goals, with the exception of membership. The committee members are working toward its completion. Lou, also, reported that he had asked Dr. Earl Hess for maps of the Civil War Battle of Campbell's Station. He stated that Hess's lecture was very informative and well attended by 75 people, including staff and committee members.

MEMBERSHIP / DOCENTS' SCHEDULE: Libbie Haynes stated the Docents' Schedule is fine, but there is still a need for new docents. Museum membership letters are currently being forwarded to community residents. Ms. Betty Cisco is helping to recruit memberships from the business community. There was some discussion of the cost of the plaque for Mayor Robert Leonard. Libbie moved, with a second from Mul Wyman, that \$600.00 cost, including the Founding Fathers Plaque. The motion carried.

ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE: Steve Stow stated the histories are proceeding. Doris Owens was the latest interview, which went well. The plan is to conduct two interviews each month and eventually give a recording to each person interviewed. Joyce Moran will edit and transcribe all interviews. Libbie will check on Carl Bacon about his interview. Those suggested to be interviewed about the Farragut Schools were Libbie Haynes, Jack Bondurant, and Malcolm Shell, all former students of Doris Owens.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE / TOURS: Several tours are scheduled. Lou LaMarche and Libbie Haynes served as guides for the Anderson tour on June 9, 2013. Malcolm Shell conducted the tours for East Tennessee Historical Society Women and the Westside Shopper's Interns. Malcolm has an article in the Shopper.

2013 JULY FOURTH PARADE: Jack Haines reported the committee will meet at 10:00 am. July 1 at the Yates storage facility to decorate the float. Mul Wyman made a map giving directions to Yates' Storage. The four people riding on the float are Carol Sinclair, Joyce Moran, Mul Wyman, and Jack Bondurant. Sue stated there would be plenty of cold bottled water and plenty of neck band coolers. Everyone will meet at Ingles at 8:00 am. The parade step-off time is 9:30 am. Julia will arrive at 5:30 am. TV Channel 8 will conduct a live remote for interviewing Julia and Sue.

EMPATHY COMMITTEE UPDATE: Doris (Dee) Henning stated she sent Sympathy cards to the Madeline Abel Family. Chair LaMarche and the FFM committee commended Dee and her committee, Carol Sinclair, Carolyn Coker, and Joyce Moran for the excellent food arrangements for the Hess Lecture.

COLORING CONTEST: Carolyn Coker stated the contest will be delayed until September 2013.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED: Holiday, July 4, 2013. Next Meeting, 6:00 pm. August 6, 2013, with the regular meeting at 1:30 pm. August 27, 2013.