

**Farragut Museum Committee
Minutes
October 27, 2015**

Members Present:

Steve Stow, Chairman
Dee Henning, Vice Chair
Joyce Moran, Secretary
Loretta Bradley
Libbie Haynes
Lou LaMarche

Absent:

Carol Sinclair, Gift Shop Manager
Carolyn Coker
Jack Haines

Others Present:

Julia Barham, Museum Coordinator
Sue Stuhl, Parks & Leisure

Chairman Steve Stow called the meeting to order at 1:28 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. The minutes for the September 22, 2015 meeting were approved by motion by Loretta Bradley and seconded by Lou LaMarche.

Financial Report:

- a. Julia Barham presented the Museum Financial Report. Current balance for Savings Account - \$42,414.82; balance for Checking Account - \$5,826.81; Current balance for Gift Shop Savings Account - \$11,932.97. Motion to approve by Dee Henning, seconded by Loretta Bradley.

Museum Coordinator's Report:

- a. Museum Logo: Julia Barham presented the new museum logo. Motion by Lou LaMarche to accept design. Seconded by Dee Henning. Illustrator to add hand pointing out to reflect an "f". The cost to redraw is \$375. The Town will pay for the logo. Amend logo to add hand pointing out to reflect an "f". Approved as modified.

Upcoming Exhibits:

- a. Farming Exhibit: This exhibit will be installed in the museum on January 11, 2016; and will open on January 18th. Jack Haines has been reviewing the oral histories regarding farming. Steve and Julia will locate someone to put together a video for the museum. This exhibit will run through May 2016
- b. Smithsonian Exhibit – Roots of Wisdom: The Native American Smithsonian Exhibit will be available in late 2016. This exhibit requires limited security, which our museum met. It does not come with artifacts, but has panels. Steve has Native American baskets to exhibit. The silver cases will be removed. The "Roots of Wisdom: Native Knowledge Shared Science" is a Smithsonian travelling exhibit, which will be available the second half of 2016. The cost is \$2700 for a ten-week booking. We pay the cost to ship back.

Upcoming Events:

- a. Freaky Friday – October 30th (4:30 pm): Volunteers are Loretta Bradley, Jack Haines and Carolyn Coker. Our area has been combined with Parks & Athletics.
- b. Veterans Reception – November 11th (1:15 pm): Julia and Carol Sinclair to attend. Refreshments. Ben Achtley, with the VA, to be invited.
- c. Celebrate the Season – December 3rd (4:00 pm): The Museum and Gift Shop will be open. Steve and Libbie to host the Museum; Loretta and Carol Sinclair to staff the Gift Shop. Christmas sale to be held in Gift Shop.
- d. Frank Galbraith's Presentation – Monday, December 7th (6:30 pm): Frank Galbraith will present "Day of Infamy". Lou LaMarche will staff the Museum and Gift Shop for 30 minutes.
- e. Bright Star Children's Theater – Sunday, April 24, 2016 (2:00 pm): The program is "Jack's Adventures in American History". Snacks will be provided and simple crafts for the children to do.

Committee Reports:

- a. Docent/Gift Shop Host Schedule
 - Museum Docents – Libbie Haynes distributed the November schedule; and stated that 4 new docents start in November.
 - Gift Shop Hosts – Schedule not available.
- b. Empathy – Dee Henning reported the following:
Sympathy card to Barbara Beeler's family re her brother-in-law, Bill Beeler.
Larry Graham was killed in an auto accident – Sympathy card sent to his wife, Carolyn.
Sympathy card to Mona Smith, whose mother-in-law died.
Get-Well card sent to Norman Lawhorn, who is going through Proton Therapy.
Alfred McFee died – card sent to family.
Pat Shriver died – card to be sent.
- c. Hospitality – Consensus that banquet went well.
- d. Oral Histories – Steve Stow stated there were no new oral histories at this time.
- e. Membership Committee – No report at this time. Steve suggested we wait until membership survey results are available.
- f. Gift Shop Renovations – Julia reported the first meeting re renovations has been held. The next meeting will occur in early November. Renovations to be completed by February 2016.
- g. Black History – Loretta Bradley distributed memorandum. Theme: "Honoring Service of Buffalo Soldiers". Art Exhibit in the Rotunda and a small exhibit in third gallery. Loretta will meet with Julia and Lauren. A reception co-sponsored by the Farragut Arts Council and Farragut Museum is planned prior to the program. Loretta stated that four black seamen served on the Hartford: John Lawson served on artillery; Wilson Brown, Robert Black and James Miffin.
- h. 4th of July Parade – Lou reported that plans are moving along very well. He submitted a proposed design of the float. Libbie stated that the Nancy Holloway group will be participating. Teddy Yates' flatbed has been reserved. Lou will schedule a meeting with the Subcommittee (Lou, Libbie, Dee, Carolyn and Jack) to meet in November. Cost discussed – Wheel, anchors, etc. will cost about \$200; approximately \$500 to build a ship. Julia will check the internet for items. Lou suggested we do something for the guys who delivered the smoke stacks.
- i. The next Farragut Museum Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 1:30 pm.

After a motion was made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Moran, Secretary