

**Farragut Museum Committee
Minutes
August 27, 2019**

Members Present:

Barbara Murphy, Chairman
Gordon Michaels, Vice Chairman
Joyce Moran, Secretary
Mayor Ron Williams
Annie Judkins
Steve Stow
Linda Winbrow
Todd Klepper
Bill Rhodes
Carolyn Coker
Connor Allen, Student

Absent:

Dot LaMarche

Others Present:

Julia Barham, Historic Resource Coordinator
Sue Stuhl, Parks and Recreation Director

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called or order by Barbara Murphy, Chairman, at 1:35 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of May 28, 2019, June 25, 2019 and August 13, 2019 were presented to the Committee. The Minutes of June 25, 2019 were corrected as follows: Carolyn Coker was moved to Members Present. Mayor Ron Williams made a motion to approve all Minutes with correction; seconded by Bill Rhodes. Motion carried.

3. **Financial Report:** Sue Stuhl reviewed the procedure for the budget.

Julia Barham presented and reviewed the Museum and Gift Shop Accounts.

- a. Museum Savings: Balance of \$66,225.55
- b. Museum Checking: Beginning Balance (appropriated by Town of Farragut at beginning of Fiscal Year) \$6,000.00; YTD Expenses \$467.37; Balance \$5,532.63
- c. Gift Shop Savings: Balance of \$7,916.94

4. **Historic Resources Coordinator's Report:** Julia Barham

- a. Recent Acquisitions: Admiral Farragut's sofa has arrived and is currently upstairs in the workroom. Half was paid up front out of Savings Account. The second half of the payment is being held due to damages to the sofa in delivery, including one of the legs which needs to be reattached. We do not know the cost for repairs as of this date. George Collins does restorations and will be contacted regarding reattachment of the sofa leg. A Media Release will be sent out when the sofa has been repaired. Report back at September meeting.
- b. Included in your packet are the Farragut Museum Advisory Committee Goals for year 2020.

5. **Other Business:**

- a. History Fair: Barbara Murphy reported that we sold \$84.00 in merchandise. Those in costumes were in the parade. Suggestions for next year included better location of the booth, volunteering in shifts, displays, merchandise. Discussion re ability to process charges.

Connor Allen suggested partnering with Farragut High School re future events. Spread awareness of History of Farragut. Louise Povlin, Vice Mayor, is the School Liaison. The Farragut High School has a National History Day.

Gordon Michaels provided a 4th of July Parade update. We had an excellent team for the float. We decided on no sound for the float due to too many issues. We are proposing to rent a generator and speakers for 2020. There were issues with the trailer – large holes in the floor, which we covered with plywood. The trailer is without brakes; the Connector is insufficient and not road legal. Discussion on how to proceed with

future floats. If the Committee decides to purchase a trailer, Corey Seale has agreed to store it. Mr. Michaels proposed a Sub-Committee be formed to follow up on above issues.

- b. FY2020 Budget and Goals: Barbara Murphy presented the Budget and activities planned for the coming year. "Day of Infamy" event: Frank Galbraith will be the speaker and the Museum Committee will partner with Parks and Recreation for the Reception. Gordon Michaels will take charge of the 4th of July Parade.

Discussion regarding events and speakers. Funds allotted are flexible. Suggestion that Educators for the Tennessee History Class at Farragut be invited to speak at events.

Motion by Ron Williams to approve the Budget "as is"; seconded by Bill Rhodes. Motion carried.

- c. Sub-Committee Appointments:
Steve Stow reported that about two months ago, the Farragut Press ran an article on Mac Abel and family. Suggestion to establish a Committee regarding Events and Exhibits for the third Gallery. Proposal that Families that have lived in Concord/Farragut area be honored in an exhibit in the third Gallery, i.e. Abel, Boring, McFee, etc. Mr. Stow suggested that the Events and Exhibits Sub-Committee coordinate with Julia Barham – honoring area families over the years. Ms. Barham suggested having the exhibit over a period of 6 months to a year; and a Sub-Committee to contact families. Discussion.

Another suggestion was to use the first Gallery and feature "Founding Families" – Local History Sub-Committee.

Gordon Michaels suggested a Corporate Friends Committee and Individual Members.

Connor Allen suggested reaching out to young adults. Explore having a Youth History Camp and include those that are Home Schooled – History of the Town of Farragut. Gordon Michaels proposed a Community Outreach Committee. Mayor Williams stated that people with knowledge of the Town be a resource for Speakers for Events. Discussion.

Suggestions for Sub-Committees:

4th of July Parade – Gordon Michaels

Events Committee/Quarterly Events (include Youth Camp)

Black History – Have 3 Committee members and several volunteers

Oral History – Steve Stow

Community Outreach (includes Friends Program)

Local History

6. Committee Reports: Barbara Murphy

- a. Museum & Gift Shop Schedules: The Schedules will be emailed by August 28, 2019.
- b. Black History: A meeting was held today prior to the Museum Committee meeting. The Black History Program is scheduled for February 2020. Amie Zion Church will provide musical event. Robert Booker will speak on "Civil Rights".

7. Next Meeting:

The next Farragut Museum Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 1:30 pm.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Moran, Secretary