

Farragut Museum Committee Minutes

March 28, 2023

Members Present:

Dot LaMarche, Chair Person

Annie Judkins, Vice-Chair Person

Sue-Ann Hansler, Gift Shop Manager

Joyce Moran, Scheduler

Bill Rhodes, Secretary

Beverley Hammond

Paul Bergen

Henry Bird

Paolo Spica, Student

Robert Keeton, Student

Members Absent:

David White, Alderman

Town Staff Present:

Jesse Williams, Historic Resources

Karen Tindal, Tourism Coordinator

Kristi Vinings, Tourism Assistant

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order By Chairperson Dot LaMarche at 11:58 AM. Attendees were introduced for the benefit

of the new HRC, Jesse Williams.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the February Museum Committee were approved Approval was motioned by Joyce Moran and seconded by Henry Bird.

3. Historic Resources Coordinator's Report: Jesse Williams was introduced by Karen Tindal. Jesse discussed his prior experience and offered his view of his responsibilities. Jesse will work Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for a total of 25 hours per week. He will also be available for meetings and special events.

Jesse Williams and Karen Tindal discussed Town Hall renovation. Originally scheduled to begin in July, renovation start has been pushed back as far as November. No actual start date has been fixed. The renovation will take 12 to 18 months. There will be some renovations to the museum itself, including the probable addition of glass entrance doors to replace the existing rear door to the outside. Decisions regarding renovations are yet to be finalized.

Upcoming events include closure of Town Hall on April 8 for Good Friday.

A presentation titled "Midshipman Farragut" will take place on Sunday, April 16, from 1 to 3 PM. There will be no refreshments.

A presentation titled "The Battle of Mobile Bay" is scheduled for Sunday May 21, also from 1 to 3 PM.

The re-enactment of the Battle of Campbell's Station, originally scheduled for November 18, has been cancelled for lack of a suitable venue.

Instead, the committee and town personnel will try to work out a suitable memorial service on that same date. A venue will have to be determined but could include the Community Center or a local church. It is anticipated that it will include firing a salute to the fallen Confederates and Yankees, which totaled nearly 700 dead and wounded in a 6-hour battle. Our re-enactment advisor from the Knoxville Chapter of the Civil War Round Table advised us that we needed to start preparations for a re-enactment at least 3 years ahead of date,

Jesse Williams asked for a cut-off date for return of all items previously loaned to the museum by donors. A cut-off date for items loaned since 2013 was approved following a motion to do so was made by Bill Rhodes and seconded by Henry Bird.

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The Museum Committee is slated to prepare a permanent display at the Campbell Station Inn when renovations begin next year.

4. Gift Shop Report: Sue Ann Hansler reported that sales for February totaled \$232,70, up from January sales. It was decided that no further book or other materials would be made this year because of Town Hall renovation. It is believed that we have enough books and prints of the Battle of Campbell's Station to cover any sales needs for the November 18 memorial service. Sue-Ann also state that the Museum has the publishing rights for the battle prints.

5. Museum Volunteer Scheduling: Joyce Moran has published and updated the April museum schedule. The museum will be closed on April

8 for Good Friday.

6. New/Old Business: None.

7. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Farragut Museum Committee will take place on April 25 at 1 PM in the Town Hall Community Room.

8. Adjournment: The Museum Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:49 Pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Rhodes and seconded by

Annie Judkins.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS, SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING.