



**Museum Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

**Members Present:**

Sue-Ann Hansler  
Dot LaMarche  
Joyce Moran  
Bill Rhodes  
Bill Battle  
Beverley Hammond  
Chris Carnes  
Paul Bergen  
Mayor Williams  
Aubrey Conger (Student)

**Members Absent:**

None

**Staff in Attendance:**

Ron Oestreich  
Kristi Vining

**Guests:**

John Osborne

1. Sue-Ann Hansler, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.
2. **Approval of Minutes from 11/26/24 Meeting**  
Motion: Mayor Williams  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Dot LaMarche  
Motion Passed
3. John Osborne was approved as a new member of the committee. He introduced himself as a retired educator with an interest in history. Members introduced themselves with a brief mention of their involvement in the committee.
4. Kristi Vining was introduced as the new Historic Resources Coordinator. Kristi introduced herself with a summary of her background and that she is currently working in the area of tourism for the Town. Her first day in her new role will be February 10. Kristi also presented her work / project plan in her first 100 days.
5. Ron O shared Museum renovation updates including new ceiling tiles, paint, overall cleaning and the new back door of the Museum.

6. Ron also shared some potential ideas that the committee should consider over the next month.
- Hours: M-F 11am to 4pm. Saturday 10am to 1pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 5 to 7pm. Asking for 2 – 2.5 hour shifts for the volunteers.
    - o Eric stated that this would be challenging for people as the shifts are not long enough for people, but 4 hour shifts would be too long. He also suggested the Museum be closed on Mondays.
    - o Beverly stated that 4-hour shifts would be fine.
    - o Ron said he would get back to everyone at the next meeting with a solid decision on hours for the committee to consider.
  - Paul Bergen also suggested we create a book that describes all of the displays so the volunteers could be more informed if they are giving tours.
7. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July float was discussed. Ron proposed a 45<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Town float. Kristi showed pictures of a cake float. Then we can re-use the cake in 2026 to celebrate Admiral Farragut's 225<sup>th</sup> birthday. The committee agreed. Kristi will begin working with Parks Maintenance to build during their slower time.
8. Ron discussed a potential upcoming event for the Committee to consider. Frank Galbreath wants to present Famous Tennesseans. Kristi will follow up with Frank for a possible event in the new Museum this summer.
9. An update of the Campbell Station Inn was given by Ron Oestreich. Once renovations are complete in the fall, the Inn will be used as a Town of Farragut Visitor's Center managed by Tourism. Rooms will be available for small rental events.

Paul Bergen is working on a horse and canon display for the raised area in the museum gallery. It was suggested this area be used for displays and events with some frequency.

It was suggested all museum members encourage others to be docents and to have information on being a docent available in the museum and in other areas.

10. **Adjournment @ 1:56pm**  
Motion: Mayor Williams  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill Battle