



**Museum Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

Members Present:

Sue-Ann Hansler, Joyce Moran, Dot LaMarche, John Osborne, Bill Battle, Beverley Hammond, Eric Johnson, Mayor Williams

Members Absent:

Chris Carnes, Bill Rhodes, Paul Bergen, Kinsley (Student)

Staff in Attendance:

Ron Oestreich
Kristi Vining

Sue-Ann Hansler, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes from 11/25/25 Meeting

Motion: Mayor Williams
2nd: John O
Motion Passed

Update on Docents and Volunteers – Joyce M.

- The museum has several new docents and they are being scheduled to work at the museum.
- There was a quick discussion on recording of volunteer hours. Ron pointed out that we need to track the volunteer hours for grant purposes.

Historic Resources Coordinator Report – Kristi V.

Museum Attendance and Gift Shop Revenue

- 1,173 visitors to the museum since July 1, 2025. 9.46 visitors per day.
- A total of \$999 for December and January Gift Shop Revenue.

General Update

- There was an article in the Shopper News, including the Black History Month event on February 8th at 1:30 PM at the Community Center. The Knoxville Word Players will be presenting. The event is being promoted in many different places.

- The March 24 History Hour presentation will be Charlie Rhodarmer, Museum Director of the Sequoyah Museum.
This is the same day as our March Board meeting. I will buy pizza for lunch for the board that attend the History Hour and stay for the meeting.
- Kristi reported the quarterly drawing was completed. There have been several attempts to notify the winner. If the winner cannot be contacted, we will re-draw.

Open Museum Operations Discussion

- Eric Johnson suggested it would be advantageous to coordinate the Farragut Museum with other museums in the area for the benefit of all. Many of the committee members thought this was a good suggestion.
- Eric also suggested that the Museum sponsor a reenactment of the Battle of Campbell Station. There is Town property suitable for this event. Suggestions include coordinating the event with the Civil War Round Table.
- John suggested the Museum solicit monetary donations to provide an honorarium for the speakers at our monthly History Hour events. The committee suggested \$100.
- Sue-Ann suggested a fund raiser event sponsored by the Museum to raise funds to add improvements to our Cake Parade float.
 - The fundraiser would be the Museum purchasing an American Flag that flew over the Capitol building in Washington DC. These flags are less than \$100 to purchase.
 - We could then sell raffle tickets to raise funds

Motion: Bill 2nd Dot - For staff to purchase the American Flag for the fundraiser

- Eric suggested that the Town adopt a policy for loaning Admiral Farragut artifacts to other museums. This has not yet been requested, but would be good to have in the event we do get a request. Ron will discuss this with the Town attorney.
- It was also discussed that a proclamation come from the Mayor declaring Frank Galbreath be honored as the Farragut Town Historian.

Communications from the Public

- There were no communications from the Public

Adjournment @ 1:48 pm

Motion: Mayor Williams. 2nd John Osborne.