



**Museum Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026**

**Members Present:**

Sue-Ann Hansler, Dot LaMarche, Joyce Moran, John Osborne, Bill Battle, Beverley Hammond, Bill Rhodes, Chris Carnes, Mayor Williams, Kinsley (Student)

**Members Absent:**

Eric Johnson, Paul Bergen,

**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 2/24/26 Meeting**

Motion: Mayor Williams  
2<sup>nd</sup>: John O.  
Motion Passed

**Update on Docents and Volunteers – (Joyce M Reported)**

- Two students from Hardin Valley Academy and Farragut High School volunteered to become docents.
- The April docent schedule is complete and emailed to all volunteers.

**Historic Resources Coordinator Report – Kristi V.**

**Museum Attendance and Gift Shop Revenue**

- Kristi reported that since July 1, 2025, there have been 1,495 people who visited the museum.
- Total Gift Shop revenue was \$115 for the month of Feb

**General Update**

- Kristi and John Osborne will do a Zoom tour of the Museum for the group "Together we Thrive.
- Roger Kittleson will do a history hour at the Methodist Church Senior Living.

- Kristi attended a meeting of Tennessee small museums where the Farragut Museum were given three awards for a) The History Booklet for students, b) the special sports display of Farragut athletes and c) the History Hour.
- The Museum is partnering with the Town Event Staff and the Tourism Department for monthly events to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the nation.
- The neon Lone Star sign has been repaired and looks great. The neon was purchased at a wholesale price and the labor was donated.
- During the last month there has been a scavenger hunt for children at the museum where children looked for pictures of Admiral Farragut.
- The artifacts belonging to the Museum which are stored at the Farragut Public Works Department are being cataloged. This is a big job and will take time.
- Admiral Farragut's sofa has been brought to the museum.
- The Museum will be closed on Good Friday and the following Saturday.
- The Museum Committee will visit the Sequoyah Museum on Monday, April 13. Committee members are to tell Kristi if they want to go so she can arrange transportation.
- Everything Knoxville wants and article every other month about the Museum.

### **Open Museum Operations Discussion**

- Sue-Ann Hansler has the flag that has been flown over the US Capital. It will be raffled off and the winner will be announced sometime around the 4th of July.
- Ron Oestreich announced there will be Gateway Signs at four entrances to the Town which will include the Museum.
- A green activity sign on the Interstate 40 exit to Farragut was discussed. The Committee decided the cost was too high.

## **Communications from the Public**

- There were no communications from the Public

## **Adjournment @ 1:26 pm**

Motion: Bill B.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mayor Williams

**Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 28. 1:00pm**