

Farragut Museum Committee

Minutes of February 26, 2019 Meeting

Recorded by Gordon Michaels

Members Present

Dee Henning, Chair
Barbara Murphy, Vice Chair
Gordon Michaels, Secretary
Carolyn Coker
Joyce Moran
Holly Nehls
Steve Stow
Linda Wimbrow

Members Absent

Sam Liske, Student Member

Others Present

Julia Barham, Historic Resources Coordinator, TOF
Sue Stuhl, TOF Staff
Ron Williams, TOF Mayor
Annie Judkins

1.) Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Dee Henning at 1:30 p.m.

2.) Approval of Minutes

Moved by Steve Stow and seconded by Joyce Moran: To approve the Minutes of the October 23, 2018 meeting and January 22, 2019 meetings. Motion was passed unanimously.

3.) Financial Report

Museum and Gift Shop Accounts. No issues or questions were raised by committee members on the financial status of the Museum and Gift Shop accounts. The monthly financial status report now includes summary information on the number and level of financial donors, known as Museum Friends.

Corporate Friends Program. Steve Stow opened a discussion on the Corporate Friends program. About two years ago the Museum Committee and TOF created a Corporate Friends program that provides a structure for receiving donations from local businesses and corporations. Gordon Michaels reviewed the history of the program (two corporate friends) and discussed some lessons he had learned from talking with local businesses. Efficient and effective ways of contacting local businesses is an immediate concern. Mayor Ron Williams suggested that the committee consider networking with other local organizations such as the Shop Farragut program, as well as reviewing the options offered by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Several members expressed an interest in working on the Corporate Friend Program outreach activity, perhaps as a sub-committee of the Museum Committee. Julia Barham stated that she would distribute by

e-mail a copy of the existing informational sheet on the Corporate Friends Program for interested members to review and comment on.

4.) Coordinator Report

- a. **Term Limits.** Sue Stuhl informed the committee that the Board of Mayor and Alderman (BOMA) have recently imposed term limits on all BOMA-appointed positions on the Town of Farragut advisory committees, including the Museum Committee. The term of all BOMA-appointed committee positions are now limited to four years. For current members of committees, such as the members of the Museum Committee, the four-year term limitation will be defined as applying to the start of the next appointed term for each member. It was stressed that the term limitations apply only to appointments to the TOF citizen advisory committees and that the ability to serve as volunteers/docents in the Museum is not time limited by BOMA.
- b. **Campbell Station Open Houses:** The Campbell Station Open House originally scheduled for February was postponed due to construction project delays; it has been rescheduled to April 14, 2:30 – 4:00. This open House is envisioned as being part of a TOF Trails and History Day, which would include another showing of the History of Farragut and Campbell Station film.

5.) Other Business

- a. **Wall Space Outside Museum.** The space on the wall in the atrium outside of the Museum that was being used to list the names of Friends and Corporate Friends of the Museum is now being used to exhibit a painting. Several members questioned this practice and whether Museum-related signage in the atrium was adequate. One option that was mentioned was the possible purchase of a sign-holder. No action was taken.
- b. **Volunteer Schedule** Barbara Murphy reported that eight docents/volunteers are unavailable during the month of March due to health and family issues. Coverage of the museum and gift shop schedules continues to be a challenging issue.
- c. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at about 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 1:30 PM