

**Farragut Museum Committee Minute
February 28, 2023**

Members Present:

Dot LaMarche: Chairperson
Annie Judkins, Vice-Chairperson
Sue-Ann Hansler, Gift Shop Manager
Joyce Moran, Scheduler
Bill Rhodes, Secretary
Bill Battle
Beverley Hammond
Henry Bird
Paul Bergen
Robert Keeton, Student Member
Kate Morgan, Student Member

Members Absent:

David White, Alderman

Town Staff Present:

Karen Tindal, Tourism Manager
Hallie Riddle, Tourism Coordinator

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dot LaMarche at 1PM. Attendees were introduced.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January Meeting were approved with minor corrections. Motion to approve was by Joyce Moran with second by Beverley Hammond.

3. Historic Resources Coordinator's Report: Acting HRC Karen Tindal reported that two candidates for the new HRC were to be interviewed and that a decision on hiring would be made soon. On March 13, it was announced that our new HRC would be Jesse Williams, formerly the Curator at Belle Meade Plantation near Nashville. The new HRC will work Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and would be available for meetings and special events.

Upcoming events include presentations on "Midshipman Farragut" on April 16, and "The Battle of Mobile Bay on May 21."

As previously discussed, the museum will be closed in late June while renovation of Town Hall takes place. It is expected that renovation will take between 12 and 18 months. No renovations to the museum itself are planned. The possibility of a back door to the museum was discussed, but decisions on this item will have to be made by the renovation committee.

The Battle of Campbell's Station re-enactment has been scheduled for Saturday morning, November 18, 2023 at McFee Park. Attempts to have the re-enactment in central Farragut have proven to be impractical. The next Battle Committee meeting will be on March 28 at noon.

Paul Bergen's presentation regarding Civil War artillery development will take place at the re-enactment site.

A plan for renovation of the Campbell Station Inn is in preparation, as is the budget for renovation, It is likely that renovation will not begin until next year. The consensus among decision makers is that the Inn will be a Heritage site and meeting center.

The museum committee is slated to prepare a permanent display at the Inn to encourage touring of the museum.

4. Gift Shop Report: Sue-Ann Hansler reported that sales in January totaled \$123.45, down from December sales. It was decided that, given the Museum's closure in June, no further books or other items would be purchased this year. Additional sales of items during the Battle re-enactment in November were discussed, but no decisions were made yet.

5. Volunteer Scheduling: The March schedule has been published and updated by Joyce Moran.

6. New/Old Business: None.

7. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Museum Volunteer Committee will take place on March 28, 2023 at 1PM in the Town Hall Community Room.

8. Adjournment: The February Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

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