

Board of Directors Meeting

Friends of the Latimore Tourist Home, Inc.

May 9, 2023
MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Friends of the Latimore Tourist Home Board of Directors met at 203 S. Commerce Avenue, Russellville City Hall, First Floor Conference Room, on May 9, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. President Randy Hendrix called the meeting to order.

Board Members present:

Suzanne Alford
Margaret Bagby
Randy Hendrix
Bob Hiegel
Betsy McGuire
Marshall Morris
Jane Pittman
Julie Paladino Vaughn

Also in Attendance:

William Brockman
Mary Cohoon
Ellen Collins
Debra DeJohnette
Array Gilkey
Debi Headley
Dr. Alice Hines
Irma Jackson
Sara Jondahl
Victoria Marchant
Charity Park
Gary Penman

Call to Order & Welcome Directors and Guests – President Randy Hendrix called the meeting to order. Mr. Hendrix introduced his childhood friend who was in attendance, Mr. William Brockman.

Roll Call – Secretary, Ms. Julie Paladino Vaughn announced roll call. Mr. Steve Bennett was absent.

Finding of Quorum – Ms. Paladino Vaughn found a quorum.

Approval of Minutes –Ms. Betsy McGuire made a motion to approve the April 2023 Board minutes. Mr. Bob Hiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Treasurer Margaret Bagby

Ms. Margaret Bagby stated the current balance to be at \$86,238.93. A copy of the bank statement ending in April is attached to these minutes. Ms. Jane Pittman made a motion to approve the Finance Report. Ms. McGuire seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Planner Report – Sara Jondahl

No report.

Sub Committee Reports:**Design/Planning** – Bob Hiegel, Chair

Mr. Hiegel stated some contents that were in the home are now in storage. Temporary fencing has been placed up, and onto the Bowes property where the fence was taken down. Russellville City Attorney, Mr. Trey Smith is continuing to move forward with acquiring lots 9 & 10 of the Bowes property under eminent domain. Mr. Bennett has been working on a comprehensive condition assessment document. It is currently under review. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been published in the paper for a construction manager. Please find a copy of the RFQ ad attached to these minutes, as well as the minutes of the Design/Planning Committee meeting for May.

Fundraising – Suzanne Alford, Chair

Ms. Jane Pittman stated that she spoke with the Legends Resort & Casino Business Office, everything is on hold for them right now as far as giving. Firestone did take a packet for review to possibly donate. Lowes donated a griddle for the organization to raffle off. The raffle tickets will be sold during the upcoming Ice Cream Social, June Art Walk, and Juneteenth. The tickets are \$5.00 a piece, or five tickets for \$20.00. The drawing will be held on Friday, June 30th. Ms. Bagby stated that Dr. Alice Hines will be donating some items that are in connection with Ms. Anna Jean Stokes and the Latimore Home. Ms. Suzanne Alford discussed that Ms. Bagby and her went and visited with Executive Vice President, Ms. Toni Laws at First State Bank in regards to the bank possibly donating in the future. Ms. Alford also discussed a model that thanked donors from the Downtown Depot that the Friends of the Latimore Tourist Home could mirror. A copy of the example of what the Downtown Depot did is attached to these minutes. Any suggestions or questions regarding the model, please contact Ms. Alford. Please find a copy of the May minutes for the Fundraising Committee meeting attached to these minutes.

Operation – Julie Paladino Vaughn, Chair

No report.

Outreach – Betsy McGuire, Chair

Ms. Paladino Vaughn discussed a grant with the Russellville Advertising & Promotion that was received to go towards designing a new logo for the Latimore Tourist Home. This is a separate logo from the Friends of the Latimore Home. The amount awarded was \$2,000.00. Ms. Paladino Vaughn stated how appreciative members are for the support from Russellville A&P. Ms. Madison McKinley with Mayco Branding is helping with the design of the logo. A deposit of \$1,000.00 has been sent to her for her services. Ms. Charity Park discussed the Russellville Memory project. She has reached out to Ms. Kelly Jones who is familiar with a similar project. She is waiting to hear back from her. Ms. Park added that the Pope County Library is a possible

location for the Memory project, and it would also be available to use with no charge. It is a public place and staff will also be on hand to assist with the project. In addition, they have equipment that would be able to be used. The Board was happy with the news and suggested to move forward with having the event at the Pope County Library. Ms. McGuire added that the Ice Cream Social is coming up later in the week on Thursday, June 11th. Volunteers are needed for the event. The June Art Walk will be on Friday, June 2nd. Ms. Alford said she spoke with Peters Family Living located downtown on having a booth set up at the business location. She will confirm with them soon if the organization can use the location. She also added that a lot of art has been donated to have at the Art Walk. Ms. McGuire discussed a handout of a funeral program with obituaries of members of the Latimore family. Please find a copy of the handout attached to these minutes, along with a copy of a tape-recording interview that Ms. Mary Cohoon did with Ms. Anna Jean Stokes.

Old Business:

Ms. Park asked for those interested to fill out a questionnaire that could be used on our social media to highlight Board Members and volunteers.

New Business:

Mr. Hendrix thanked Dr. Alice Hines for attending the meeting. He stated how appreciative everyone is for her time. Dr. Hines stated that she brought some items that were part of the original Latimore Home. She stated her health is very poor at the moment, but wanted to make sure that the items were transferred to the organization that belonged to Ms. Anna Jean Stokes. Dr. Alice Hines is the legal executor of the estate of Ms. Stokes. Ms. McGuire added that anything from the home that she would be able to donate or give would be appreciated. Ms. McGuire added that she would like to get a picture of her and Board Members with the items that she has brought to the meeting.

Announcements:

The Ice Cream Social is Thursday, May 11th. The June Art Walk will be Friday, June 2nd. June Committee Meetings will be on Tuesday, June 6th. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 13th at 12:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall. More information on the Juneteenth events will be provided as it becomes available.

Adjournment – Mr. Hendrix