

Murray City History Advisory Board

Minutes for April 28, 2021

Attendance: Laurel Shepard, Rebecca Santa Cruz, Wendy Parsons Baker, Laurie Densley, Mildred Horton, Lynette Lloyd

Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist,

I. Minutes for March were passed as written.

II. Staff Reports –

- Museum update: Katie reported that she accessioned all of the items discussed at our March meeting and that she was still updating and editing the photo collection metadata. She asked if she thought we should accession some of the lighting fixtures in the museum and the board agreed. Rebecca will help determine which items to accession.
- StEPs integration: Module 3: Audience
 1. Lori purchased a standing table for an updated guestbook sign in.
 2. Made an outline for more consistent sharing of history/museum content
 3. Rebecca suggested the tour script needs to be more user friendly and to add that to our 5 year goals. Add more stories and try and collect more recent stories to add.
- Lori gave a mansion update. She reported that she, Katie, and Jeff had talked the day before and decided to start making the upstairs office space usable. She asked board if they could help start cleaning. She will send out a date for a first cleaning to the board to see if they can help.
- Lori also reminded the board about the Bob Yapp workshop on May 29-30 and will resend the information out to them, then release to Murray residents.

III. Rachel Morot: Lori, Katie, Rachel, Morot, Korral Brochinsky, and Lloyd Someone had met a few weeks ago to discuss different ways their group could help the board. Lori suggested

- Sponsorship
- Fundraising
- Marketing

Lori also suggested “Friends of the Museum” like Friends of the Library. All thought it would be a great idea and would help both groups and that this would be a great platform for community members to show support.

Rebecca said fundraising would be fantastic if they were able to help in this area. We would be looking for individuals willing to give small donation. We also don’t want the museum to be a forbidding place, we want it to be a vibrant and a changing space for the community to visit and return often. Involving individuals will help them feel invested in the mansion/museum. She reminded us that the Baptist church had burnt down, it was the community who helped rebuild it. Rachel said she would bring this information back to the board as she was attending the meeting to gather information. She said the board did not have the manpower to be the fundraising arm for /donations from the community. both the Foundation and the museum. She said she was open to helping with the elbow grease projects like cleaning the mansion. She also liked cross posting to promote on different platforms. She would like to be able to post on Murray Memories Facebook

and help appeal for help with donations and encouraged us to send them any information we would like them to share on social media. +

Korral told the board about a grant opportunity that would need to be sent through a CLG which is the City. This would be about underserved communities and the historic sites that involve them. The historic sites can become National Register nominations. Korral said she would help write the nominations if the City would handle the money. She would like to focus on the smelter workers and their families as there are homes that still exist and have been moved to different parts of the City. She will provide research and resources and information we can use for rotating exhibits highlighting the communities. Writing the grant will help with that research.

She reminded us that the cemetery tours are mostly about pioneer families and would like to see stories involving the smelter workers and the environmental effect the smelters had on health and death in the city.

Rebecca said the Foundation could reach out to Murray Memories to solicit those stories. Lloyd suggested outreach with the School District and integrating diversity.

IV. Business:

Lori reported the removal of 4869, 4840, 4842, and 4844 from the National Register. These are the DAR properties, or Harker Buildings. Lori will contact the state historic department to let them know these buildings will be demolished.

V. Katie had prepared a slide show on the history of the Cahoon Mansion, specifically John J.

Rebecca adjourned the meeting until May 26, 2021