

Murray City History Advisory Board
Minutes for June 22, 2022

Attendance: Rebecca Santa Cruz, Wendy Parsons Baker, Laurel Shepard, Laurie Densley; Lynette Lloyd,
Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist, Rowan Coates,
Citizens: Arilyn Ereksen

- I. Lynette made a motion to pass the minutes for June 22, Lynette seconded the motion and all voted unanimously.
- II. Board Reports –
 - Legacy Project – Rebecca shared her paperwork with the board so they can use them for any submissions they have. Her grandpa was in WWI that we did get a nice article in the Murray Journal, (June). We were unsure if any additional stories had come into the museum about the article. Lynette and Arilyn brought in stories from their ancestors. Rebecca reported there was not a WWI monument in Washington and there was finally one commissioned in 2021. Interest is still around for WWI and Lynette said her family story does originate during that war. And the Spanish flu and how they got rid of bodies over the ships. Rebecca read a passage of her father's friend Jack Devine their family was sent a short telegraph about him being shot down. She read Jack lived in Murray and was shot down over occupied Norway. He parachuted out and broke his leg on landing. He was a POW and made his way to a barn where a family discovered him and turned him in to the Nazi's. He spent the rest of the war as a POW. Jack returned later to that farm and the told the family he was glad that they turned him in as his leg was set by a doctor otherwise, he may have lost the use of that leg. The farmers had worried about the decision they made so they were grateful for Jack's return to their farm. Also, it was April 1945, and he was not a POW too long.
 - Committee updates –
 - Lori had forgotten that last month suggested that we wait until Laurel felt better to discuss the time capsule. Lori said January would be a good time to have items to go into the capsule.
 - Lori asked Katie to quickly make copies of the ILS (Intensive Level Survey) of Murray Park for the board to read which will help us advertise for pictures and stories.
 - Lori then asked if Arilyn would share a small history of her family coming into the valley and about her great-great grandfather, John Benbow and, how the Ereksens fit into the Murray story
 - Rebecca asked if we should put family histories into the museum and Lori told the board that we had many, many family histories already and her family history would be welcome as an addition. Then Laurie asked if there was information she could get about all the historic homes in Murray and Lori shared that we had a file for every historic building in Murray and that Mary Ann had done a great job putting the files together. This will be found in our resource room at the mansion.

III. Citizen Comment – There were no citizen comments.

IV. Staff Reports

- Museum update: Katie said that there was not much to update
- Mansion update – Rebecca mentioned the storm windows for the mansion made the entire building look so much better. Lori is writing another grant for funding. Lori said she and Rebecca went in a few weeks ago to discuss the light fixtures and what could/should stay and what should go. Lori gave Rebecca keys to the mansion so she could go in and start cleaning the hardware on the drawers, etc.

V. Business:

- Five Year Plan
Lori went through the five-year plan with the board starting with 2021 and read the report. She asked what should be added to 2022. The edits are added below.
- There were no accessions or deaccessions to be discussed.

Rebecca adjourned the meeting until July 27th, 2022