

Murray City History Advisory Board
Minutes for October 28,2020

Attendance: Laurel Shepard, Rebecca Santa Cruz, Wendy Parsons Baker, Pam Benson, Mildred Horton, Janice Blanchard,

Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist

Excused: Lynette Lloyd

- I. Minutes for October 28, 2020 were approved as written.
- II. Board Reports – There were no board reports.
- III. Staff Reports:
- IV. Museum update – Lori reported that she has hired a new museum coordinator to replace Jennifer Broschinsky. His name is Calvin Atchley.
- V. Business:
 - The space assessment design was shared with the board. They were shown ideas for the outside of the building and the flow of the inside. There were discussions about having a picture of the Cahoon family hung inside the main entry. Questions were asked about the main entry and the ingress and egress. Lori informed the board that the front door will be useable, but we will want most patrons to come into the addition towards the north as this is where the exhibit spa
 - “This Old Murray” workshops – Rebecca told the board that she and Lori had created some ideas for some preservation workshops. They were:
 - a. (Virtual) How to get on the list for retrofitting your home for earthquakes. Rebecca said this should be our first one as it is a long list and people should know about it.
 - b. Cleaning historic homes, i.e. coal dust from fireplace fronts, how to clean old wood, and general tips
 - c. Removing carpet – Rebecca said that during the historic period, the wood that was used was soft wood and not the hard wood we use today thus you need to be careful when taking out staples.
 - d. Mason repointing and repair – Rebecca told the board that the mortar that is used today used lime and is not the correct type for historic homes. There is a special mortar that should be used.
 - e. Windows – This should be done in the spring so it can be taught at the mansion.

Lori said she will be writing a CLG grant after the first of the year to gather funds to get Bob Yapp from “About Your House with Bob Yapp” to fly into Murray and teach the window and/or repointing workshop. Lori will follow up with the invitation to Mr. Yapp. She and Katie will work on producing a postcard for the workshops. It was decided to plan the retrofitting workshop as soon as possible as it would be smart to let residents know to get on the list as soon as possible. Lori will send out a letter via regular mail for that class while she and Katie work on the postcard for the rest of the workshops.

Covid assignments – Laurel sent her thoughts to Lori earlier in the day and Lori encouraged those that had not submitted anything to do so as the pandemic is historic, and they are the History Board. This will be in a COVID collection.

- Accessions – Katie share with the board some accessions and the board decided which items to keep.

VI. Lori told that board that the November meeting would fall on the 24th, which is the day before Thanksgiving and asked the board if they would like to meet the week before on November 18th instead. It was unanimously decided to move the meeting to November 18th.

Rebecca adjourned the meeting until November 18, 2020.