

Board of Directors Meeting

Friends of the Latimore Tourist Home, Inc.

September 12, 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 September 12, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. President Randy Hendrix called the meeting to order.

Board Members present:

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

Also in Attendance:

Mary Cohoon	Sara Jondahl
Ellen Collins	Beverly Massey
Carolyne Creel	Charity Park
Deb DeJohnette	Sarah Stephens
Toi Drummer	Taffanie Wood
Debi Headley	

Call to Order & Welcome Directors and Guests – President Randy Hendrix called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Board Secretary, Ms. Julie Paladino Vaughn announced roll call. Ms. Margaret Bagby arrived shortly after the roll call.

Finding of Quorum – Mr. Hendrix found a quorum.

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

Financial Report – Treasurer Margaret Bagby

Ms. Suzanne Alford provided the Finance Report. She stated the current balance to be at \$72,634.35. A total of \$625.00 in check donations have been received. Ms. McGuire added that Mr. Daniel Shoptaw sent the monthly financial statement. A copy of the bank statement

ending in August and from Mr. Shoptaw are attached to these minutes. Mr. Hendrix made a motion to approve the Finance Report. Motion carried.

City Planner Report – Sara Jondahl

No report.

Sub Committee Reports:

Design/Planning – Bob Hiegel, Chair

Mr. Hiegel reported that we are trying to finish up phase one, which is part of the foundation being completed under the house. A meeting was held with Trent Ford Engineering and Mr. Shane Campbell with Combs House Moving on the process of moving forward getting the house supported properly for the long term. The laying of the blocks will begin tomorrow morning. A temporary power pole has been put up. The account will need to be under ownership and will need to be set up under the Friends of the Latimore Tourist Home. For phase two, there has been discussion with the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) representatives about the siding, paint, porch rehab, and windows. We have also been discussing the easement and how no changes can be made without AHPP involvement. City Attorney Trey Smith is continuing to work on the legal process of lots 9 and 10. The roof repairs will be the same as what is on the house currently. The front porch will be allowed to have a screen placed back in it. Mr. Hiegel stated he enjoyed the tour of the home with Mr. Jay Jones from the previous week. Ms. McGuire added that Mr. Jones stated during the tour there was no screen on the front porch. Please find a copy of the minutes of the Design/Planning Committee meeting for September attached to these minutes.

Fundraising – Suzanne Alford, Chair

Ms. Suzanne Alford stated the committee has contacted three banks. A few packets were left with possible donors to review. Information was also sent to a representative with Walmart Corporate. Ms. McGuire reached out to Ms. Toni Laws with First State Bank on possible funding. Ms. Jane Pittman spoke with Mr. Jacob Edwards with the Russellville Lowes. Lowes will be doing a new project where they help an organization. He will have more information as it becomes available. Mr. Steve Bennet added that obtaining fencing from Lowes for the Bowes property would be beneficial. Ms. Pittman also discussed having a possible pancake breakfast fundraiser in the future. Please find a copy of the September Fundraising Committee minutes attached to these minutes.

Operation – Julie Paladino Vaughn, Chair

Ms. Paladino Vaughn updated members on the Latimore Tourist Sign in front of the home. We are looking at the guidelines for the zone the house is in. We are in a R-3 zone, which is medium to high residential, which only allows for a monument sign or a light pole banner sign. Also allowed is a sign of two (2) square feet or less, non-illuminated, attached to a building or structure, or supported by a post and arm structure without a permit. Ms. Paladino Vaughn suggested getting some styles put together, along with prices to have for budget purposes. Ms. McGuire added that she spoke to Ms. Sara Jondahl on the property being looked at as a commercial zone, and waiving the balance for that potential zoning change in the future. Ms. Paladino Vaughn stated the invoice came in from MAYCO Branding on the logo that was

finalized. The Friends of the Latimore Tourist Home received a grant from A&P that will cover the expense.

Outreach – Betsy McGuire, Chair

Ms. McGuire reported she has the notes available that were taken during the visit of Mr. Jones walk through of the home. She thanked Ms. Pittman for setting up the dinner at Pasta Grill with Mr. Jones, his wife and brother. Mr. Bennett also helped get the dinner organized. The information that Mr. Jones shared during the walk through the house was wonderful and provided so much information about the house. Ms. McGuire thanked Mr. Hans Stiritz for his time in filming the event with Mr. Jones. Ms. Charity Park stated that with Russellville Memory Project, a student has been working on solving exactly where the Latimore Home was and who owned it. Ms. Park also discussed how great community event with students coming in to help, food and refreshments will be provided, pictures can be scanned in, and stories recorded. She hopes it will continue year after year. This event has been put together with the Friends of the Latimore Tourist Home, Arkansas Tech University, River Valley Collected Voices, and the Pope County Library. The next radio interview will be Ms. Park and Ms. Toi Drummer discussing the event. Mr. Marshall Morris added that Mr. Bob Jacimore at ten years old was the paper boy during the time that the Latimore's owned the home. Ms. McGuire encouraged members to reach out to those we know who would be great to have participated in the project and invite them to share their stories and memories. Ms. McGuire also shared how honored Reverend Tyus was for hosting the Mr. Jay Jones event at the New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church. Please find a copy of the Outreach Committee meeting minutes of July attached to these minutes.

Old Business:

New Business:

Mr. Hendrix spoke on the Russellville Chamber of Commerce golf tournament that they are hosting, and invited Mr. Hendrix to play. He added he has two others lined up to play as a team, Mr. Raymond Pivie and Mr. Shawn Richie in the three-man scramble. Mr. Hendrix inquired about getting golf shirts with the Latimore Tourist Home logo on it. Ms. Sarah Stephens offered to pay for the shirts. The new bold logo was agreed to use on the shirts. Everyone was very appreciative for Ms. Stephens donation towards purchasing the golf shirts. Mr. Hendrix made a motion to approve the golf shirts to be purchased. Motion carried. Ms. McGuire wanted to remind everyone that four board members terms will be ending at the end of the year. Members can choose to stay on or roll off. The discussion will move forward into next month under the Operation's Report. Ms. McGuire thanked everyone again for helping with the event with Mr. Jones, from providing food, drinks, paper products, and utensils.

Announcements:

The next Committee Meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd. The Russellville Memory Project will be on Saturday, October 7th from 1 p.m.- 5 p.m., Pope County Library. The October Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10th at 12:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

Adjournment – Mr. Hendrix.