

Board of Directors Meeting
Friends of the Latimore Tourist Home, Inc.
February 11, 2025
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 February 11, 2025 at 12:00pm. In the absence of Board President Randy Hendrix, Vice President Betsy McGuire called the meeting to order.

Board Members present:

Suzanne Alford
Margaret Bagby
Bob Hiegel
Marshall Morris
Betsy McGuire
Jane Pittman

Also in Attendance:

Mary Cohoon
Carolyne Creel
Array Gilkey
Deb DeJohnette
Charity Park
Tal Swicegood
Debera Wilson

Call to Order, Roll Call and Finding of a Quorum

In President Hendrix's absence Vice President Betsy McGuire called the meeting to order and commenced Roll Call in the absence of Secretary Julie Paladino Vaughn. Following the Finding of a Quorum, McGuire asked for approval of the Minutes. A Motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2025 meeting was made by Suzanne Alford with a second by Bob Heigel. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Treasurer Margaret Bagby reported on the balance of the Arvest accounts at the close of January 2025 as follows:

Non-Profit Money Market	\$53,157.72
Free Business Checking	\$ 5,951.51
Total of accounts	\$59,109.23

A motion to approve the Financial Report as presented was made by Jane Pittman with a second by Bob Heigel. Motion carried. Copies of the Arvest Bank statements ending in January, a copy of the Treasurer's Report and copies of the Financial Statements for December 2024 and January 2025 prepared by Shoptaw Labahn are attached to these minutes.

City Planner Report

No report in Sara Jondahl's absence

Committee Reports

Design/Planning Committee-Bob Hiegel, Chair

A copy of the Design Committee report and the Proposed Budget for Phases 2 and 3 of the Latimore Tourist Home Project are attached.

Fundraising Committee-Suzanne Alford, Chair

Suzanne has placed a display at the Pope County Library. Jane reported on the RHS students that will be assisting with the upcoming Pancake Breakfast. FOTLTH t-shirts will be provided for those volunteers. Suzanne has made a contact at Centennial Bank and is expecting a forthcoming donation. For additional information please see the attached minutes from the Tuesday, February 4, 2025 combined meeting of the Fundraising, Outreach and Organization committees.

Operations Committee-Julie Paladino Vaughn, Chair

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Outreach Committee-Betsy McGuire, Chair

Charity Park is working on some needed updates to FOTLTH's current website. Sarah Stephens mentioned Nita Potter and her cousin(?) Tina Bradley as sources of information about the Latimores. These ladies lived across the street from Cora and Eugene. Margaret mentioned contacting Willie Braxton for additional information. Mary Cohoon questioned if there might have been family quilts or bedspreads for use in the Latimore. For additional information please see the attached minutes from the Tuesday, February 4, 2025 combined meeting of the Fundraising, Outreach and Organization committees.

No Old Business

New Business

Tal Swicegood with River Valley Town Square discussed their studio's new location at the CoCreate Hub at 215 South Arkansas. They provide video and website services for business and non-profit organizations. They have created a non-profit side of their commercial business. Tal debuted the video of the interviews with Cecilia James, Irma Gene Jackson and Melvin Jackson.

Sarah Stephens reminded the board of the custom wood working knives that she used when working on her home. She has offered them for use on the LTH. Lyle Ratzlaff an Hardwood Unlimited were mentioned as possible resources.