

Board of Directors Meeting r.
Friends of the Latimore Tourist Home, Inc.
September 14, 2021
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 14, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. President Randy Hendrix called the meeting to order.

Board members present:

Suzanne Alford
Margaret Bagby
Steve Bennett
Erma Booth
Randy Hendrix
Bob Hiegel
Betsy McGuire
Marshal Morris
Julie Paladino

Also in Attendance:

Mary Cohoon
Judy Galloway
Debi Headley
Kristy Mitchell
Charity Park
Jane Pittman
Sarah Stephens
Terry Thomas
Ebony Thompson
Phyliss Walls

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

Roll Call – Secretary Julie Paladino announced roll call. All Board Members were in attendance.

Finding of Quorum – A quorum was found by Mr. Hendrix.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Hendrix made the announcement for the approval of the minutes from August 10, 2021. Ms. Betsy McGuire stated that under the Sub Committee of Design/Planning, Mr. Larry Domerese should be referred to as Pastor Domerese. In addition, in the same paragraph, fifth sentence, the word form needed to be changed to the word from so the sentence reads “It would still need final approval from the church director.” Ms. McGuire made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Bob Hiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Treasurer Margaret Bagby

Ms. Margaret Bagby announced the current balance to be at \$4,631.82. Mr. Steve Bennett asked Ms. Bagby if there was anything outstanding at this point. Ms. Bagby stated there is one outstanding check to Burriss Inc. Mr. Hiegel made the motion to approve the financial report. Ms. Suzanne Alford seconded the motion. Motion carried. A copy of the bank statement is attached to these minutes.

City Planner Report – Sara Jondahl

No Report.

Sub Committee Reports:**Special Item of Business:**

Ms. McGuire stated there were some procedural incorrectness during the August 2021 Board Meeting. Ms. McGuire stated that we have to remember, as much as we appreciate guests and volunteers, when it comes to making motions and voting during Board Meetings, that falls to the Board of Directors. Ms. McGuire asked for those in attendance to refer to the copy of the August minutes. During the last meeting, there were motions made that were not made by a Board of Director. The following need to be officially corrected:

Under the Design/Planning Sub Committee report, the motion to accept the report needs to be corrected so that two Board of Directors officially made the motion. Mr. Bob Hiegel made a motion to accept the report. Ms. Erma Booth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under the Outreach Committee report, the motion for the Board to accept to pay \$9.99 a year to set the website up with a private domain needs to be made by two Board of Directors. Mr. Hiegel made a motion, Ms. McGuire seconded. Motion carried. In the same paragraph at the bottom, it needs to be corrected so that two Board of Directors officially made the motion. Ms. McGuire made the motion to accept the \$33.75 payment towards purchasing the domain name for two years. Ms. Alford seconded the motion. Motion carried. As a reminder, Board Members make motions and Board Members vote. We still need input from our volunteers and guests, but when it comes to making motions and voting, that is the responsibility for Board Members.

Design/Planning – Bob Hiegel, Chair

The Design/Planning Sub Committee met on August 3rd. Please see the complete report attached to these minutes.

Fundraising – Suzanne Alford, Chair

Ms. Alford stated the Fundraising Committee met on August 3rd. Ms. Alford stated that Mr. Daniel Shoptaw is working on a spreadsheet for the Board to use. This will keep fundraising information organized. Mr. Bennett stated he is working on putting together a personal perspective of both Eugene and Cora Latimore and is looking for any information pertaining to them. Mr. Hendrix said he received a phone call from Mr. Jay Jones, who is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Latimore. Mr. Hendrix will work on compiling that information together to submit to Mr. Bennett. Mr. Hendrix also stated that Mr. Jones mentioned there are others who might be able to provide information that are in Kansas City and Memphis. Ms. Alford stated there are thank you cards being printed. Mr. Bennett added there are copies of an outreach sheet on the

handout table that asks for a list of potential donors who would possibly donate a certain amount of money. Please find a copy of this document attached to these minutes. Mr. Bennett added that he contacted the IRS on the 501c3 tax exempt status, and the Board should be hearing from them by the end of September. A complete report of the Fundraising Committee is attached to these minutes.

Operation – Julie Paladino, Chair
No Report.

Outreach – Betsy McGuire, Chair

The Outreach Committee met on September 7th. Ms. McGuire stated that Ms. Charity Park has been working on the website. Ms. Park will oversee the website for now and is in working to complete the setup process. Ms. McGuire discussed the upcoming Latimore Tourist Home presentation for the Kiwanis's Club on Wednesday, September 15th. Ms. Julie Paladino stated that a booth for Fall Fest will be \$75.00. Mayor Richard Harris stated that he would cover the cost of the booth for the Friends of the Latimore Tourist Home Board. The Board of Directors and guests in attendance were appreciative of his offer. Please see the complete report of the Outreach Committee meeting attached to these minutes.

Old Business:

Latimore Tourist Home Relocation Update – Steve Bennett

Mr. Bennett provided a handout on the Recommendation to Move Forward on Phase 1 for the Latimore Tourist Home. Please see a copy of the handout attached to these minutes, as well as a map of James School Park/ Bridge Church Property that was also provided during the meeting. Mr. Bennett asked the Board of Directors and guests to share their thoughts on the relocation of the Latimore Tourist Home. The consensus was that relocating the home would be the best. Mr. Terry Thomas stated that he believes there will be much use of the house once it is relocated. Mr. Hendrix appreciated everyone coming together. Mr. Bennett made a motion that we move the Latimore Home to a property across from James School Park. Mr. Hiegel spoke to amend the motion to say to move the Latimore Home to fit into the James School Park or adjacent to it, not limiting it to across the street. Ms. Erma Booth seconded the motion. A voice vote was called with all Board Members voting yes. Motion carried. Mr. Bennett will notify Prospect Church on the decision to move the church. Ms. Alford felt sure a plaque would be placed at the original location of the home. Mr. Hendrix strongly agreed that would be something to look at doing in the future.

New Business:

Announcements:

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 12th at 12:00 p.m., First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

Adjournment – President Randy Hendrix