

Murray City History Advisory Board
Minutes for May 25, 2022

Attendance: Rebecca Santa Cruz, Mildred Horton, Wendy Parsons Baker, Laurel Shepard, Laurie Densley; Lynette Lloyd

Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist, Rowan Coates, G.L. Critchfield Murray City Attorney

Citizens: Arilyn Erekson

Rebecca welcomed the board to the meeting. Lynette Lloyd introduced her friend, Arilyn Erekson that is interested in serving on the board as vacancies open up. G.L. Critchfield, Murray City Attorney was introduced to the board.

I. Mildred made a motion to pass the minutes for April 27, and Lynette seconded the motion, and all voted unanimously.

II. Board Reports –

- Legacy Project – Rebecca shared the paperwork that she has created for the interviews. She shared a letter from her grandfather who was back east in New York. She also read a letter by a friend of her uncle who had been killed which was about the reality of what was happening in the battlefield focusing on patriotism and the importance of those who gave their lives for our freedom. Rebecca said that as a child, her mother wrote about her brother's death and the impact his death had on the family. She talked about the importance of preserving these memories and putting them in a book. The board talked about the importance of including pictures with the stories.
- Committee updates –
 - Lori suggested that we wait until Laurel felt better to discuss the time capsule.
 - Rebecca reminded us that the Murray City Park Centennial will work best if we work on different sections of the park such as the skating rink, or the pool, etc. and then we have it organized and can put that into a publication.

III. Citizen Comment – There were no citizen comments.

IV. Staff Reports

- Museum update: Rowan said she had the last museum tour on Monday from McMillan Elementary and they had walked 2 miles to City Hall. She recommended to the teachers to make reservations in for the fall. Cemetery Tours were attended by almost 300 students from Viewmont, Horizon, and Woodstock. There was an upcoming private museum tour on the calendar and there are two more mansion tours scheduled for June 8th at 6 – 7 pm and June 18th from 11am – 12 pm. She explained that for the cemetery tours we have storytellers that dress up and talk about a life of the person who's grave they are standing by. They also include an activity for the children which focuses on math, art or writing their own epitaph. The usual age is 3rd or 4th grades. The tours start with teaching the children cemetery etiquette. The scripts have been rewritten and Katie said the pictures that were shown by Laurie were really great.

- Headstone Care: Katie reported several people from the State were at the workshop and the cemetery crew was in attendance also. Lane, the cemetery superintendent enjoyed the information that Amy brought. She taught the group how to use tin foil to read the really old headstones that can't be read anymore due to their age. Amy gave the group information on what cleaners to use.

V. Business:

G.L Critchfield joined us for some training regarding the Open Meetings Act. He explained that we are engaged in the public's business and the public has the right to know what that business is. Therefore, we must post an agenda and must not discuss anything that is not on the agenda. He talked about having a quorum to hold a meeting which is a majority of the board and reminded us that outside this group meeting, members should not talk about the business of the board. If you do not have a quorum, you should adjourn. If a citizen comments you must listen and could discuss but cannot take any action but can ask staff look into it. If you violate the act, any decisions made could be undone. All city records are public, which is why we post minutes, and agendas. Bylaws – G.L. said it is good to go over them annually to remind us of those rules that have been put in place for the board. One concern is where someone on social media, tv, and gives an opinion that the board has not approved so to be careful not to say you are from a board if you post or talk to media personalities.

G.L. said the responsibilities as a board member:

1) Duty of Care – attending meetings, independent judgement, do you own homework,
 2) Duty of Loyalty – acting in the best interest of the board. Do not use information to influence your own life. Do not act on behalf of the board unless the board has asked you to. Or send the inquiry to the Mayor's office starting with Lori and send it up the flagpole. If you defame someone, you will not have the support of the City so be careful how we represent yourself.

• Accessions

- Accessions – Lori said that someone wants to give us a pew from the Murray First Ward. Lori reminded the board that we already have one and we do not have a lot of space for things. Rebecca said it would be perfect for the chapel. Or it could go on the front porch of the mansion. Rowan explained where the pew we already have will be going. Katie suggested that we keep it as a resource so if we decide to get rid of it, it will be much easier. And we can use it where we want as it is not an exhibit or part of an exhibit. Mildred made a motion to keep the pew as a resource and Lynette seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.
- Katie and Rowan brought two pieces of clothing that had no provenance to them and were in very rough shape. The clothing had been on mannequins with no information. Rowan said we had a lot of other clothing from the same time period and these two pieces we not display quality. Rebecca said she said to contact the museum downtown to see if they would want it. Rowan explained that we would have to deaccession them before we could give them to another museum. Rowan

suggested that we should deaccession it, but Rebecca said it was handmade lace. All wanted to deaccession Laurie made the motion and Lynette seconded it. Rowan was going to send pictures of the clothing to Rebecca to see if someone she knew could restore the clothing. Rebecca wanted to know the progress on the many photographs the board looked at last meeting. Katie is still trying to get information from the family that gave them to us.

Mildred made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Rebecca making the second. All were in favor.

Rebecca adjourned the meeting until June 22nd, 2022