

**GERMANTOWN HISTORIC COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 6:00 P.M.**  
**Parks and Recreation Conference Room**

The regular meeting of the Germantown Historic Commission was held Tuesday, May 24, 2011, in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room. Vice Chairman Roma Macko-Sailors, presiding in the absence of Chairman Louise Bagby, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and a quorum was established.

**Present:** Roma Sailors, Daneise Burnette, Lucie Calvin, Warren Travis, Jim McGehee, Joy Cook, Kay Fleming and Dale Hicks.

**Absent:** Louise Bagby and Alderman John Drinnon.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of February 22, 2011 and March 22, 2011 were approved with the following corrections: regarding the attendance of Dale Hicks-present on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and absent on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Joy Cook was present on March. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Hicks referenced a change to the minutes regarding a box for the depot ledger, concerned about it limiting the use. Dale Hicks additionally questioned the lack of reference in the minutes to the discussions at the March meeting between herself and Charles Salvaggio.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Oral History Project and Cross Talks

Two new oral histories are complete - Eugenia Smith and Harry and Becky Cloyes.

Death of Lafayette Ragsdale on May 9<sup>th</sup> -Ms. Sailors passed around the obituary. A discussion followed on the importance of completing his oral history. Due to Kay Fleming's co-chair position of History Fair/Heritage Day, Lucie Calvin offered to write up the summary of the recording of Mr. Ragsdale and will pick it up from Louise at the June meeting.

Cross Talks: GHS TV

Three houses were featured- the Wilson House, Nurnberger House and Kirby Woods Farmhouse. There was discussion of viewing this program at a future meeting. Ted Beasley made several copies on DVD for our Commission.

### **New Business**

Report on History Fair/Heritage Day

October, 15, 2011 10am-1pm (no rain date)

Location: Between the John Gray House and the Library

Kay Fleming and Daneise Burnette gave an update:

- Currently working with Jennifer Baker at Tenn-Gen and a spread sheet has been created on excel
- Kay Fleming will contact Minor Strings to play, as they have expressed interest in playing again this year. Again, chairs will be set up for people to listen as this proved to be popular last year.

- Logistics – 6 tents/canopies for the exhibitors, use of the pavilion in Municipal park also.
- Advertising: FYI newsletter, water bills in summer, Germantown News, flyers, posters made by Jennifer Baker's daughter using resources at the Tenn-Gen Library
- Suggestions for new additions to the day- Essay Contest – suggested topic- Write on one's ancestor. This would be open to school children. Ages categories and prize to be discussed further at another meeting
- Clean up- Boy Scout Troop #368 from Farmington Presbyterian will do the clean-up
- Living History/Craft Ideas:
  - Betsy Ross- played by a DAR friend of Kay Fleming
  - Civil War Drummer Boy- played by Bryce Candler
  - Steve & Mary Ann Gibson – confirmed
  - Beekeeper- Daneise Burnette is checking on this
  - Sid Witherington- confirmed
  - Civil War re-enactor- Kay Fleming brought up this possibility
  - Further discussion arose about other wars- Andy Pouncey and his WWI artifacts.
  - Daneise Burnette will check with Mr. Witherington about a Civil War re-enactor

Other items discussed:

There as a discussion of making the oral histories available to read and view by Louise Bagby and Roma Sailors.

Jim McGehee was asked to display woodworking again.

Joy Cook and Warren Travis volunteered to lead the John Gray House tours.

Children's activities – will check with Jennifer Baker on this.

Roma Sailors inquired as to whether a spreadsheet would be available by the July meeting.

Ms. Sailors asked for further topics from the floor:

Publicity picture to be taken at June meeting – white top, dark skirt or pants. Joy Cook asked that an email reminder be sent.

Lucie Calvin reported that she is still not receiving emails, although her email has not changed for 10 years [lcalvin@sqis.org](mailto:lcalvin@sqis.org).

Ms. Calvin proposed discussing at a future meeting the interest level in ordering white polo shirts with the Germantown city logo and "Historic Commission" stitched on.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there were was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Lucie Calvin*