



MINUTES
HISTORIC SALUDA COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

ATTENDEES: Cindy Tuttle, Nancy Pew, Ammie Weymer, Clara Carter. Billy Shand, Laretta Cook. Quorum present.

Guests: Karen Neff, Paul Marion

WELCOME: Meeting called to order at 2:05 PM.

MINUTES: Ammie made a motion, Billy seconded, motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Report presented with a current balance of \$4,436.08. The budget total was amended due to the receipt of sales at the Saluda Historic Depot of \$414.13 making the total \$4,850.21.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Oral History** – Cindy reported no recent on-site vlogging has been done due to the weather, however; she recently revisited an old interview featuring Pauline Gordon Corn. Snippets of Pauline’s interview were featured in the oral history film documentary, “Going Home: Saluda’s Music Traditions,” but the full interview has never been released. Cindy has now edited and released the full interview on YouTube. A snippet from that interview was also edited and released separately featuring Madame Pheobie Sullivan. Pauline shared an interesting story that as a young girl she went with her parents to gospel singings at the Sullivan compound. There was a popular quartet that performed “This Train is Bound for Glory” on the front porch of Pheobie’s house.
- **Step back in History Series** – Cindy has spoken to Jack Thomson with Preservation NC about a “meet ‘n greet.” He would love to come here but right now he is having family issues. Cindy says we should also ask staff from the State Historic Preservation Office to come and discuss the recent architectural survey done in Polk County, the National Register of Historic Places and explain how we can work to develop more Historic Districts in Saluda. Cindy noted that Historic Districts in zoning is different from a historic district listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- **Historic Saluda Home Tour** – Laretta reported we need to work on a map. Laretta met with Cindy Bishop (home owner) who brought her historic book to her to look at. Cindy will have a typed narrative along with pictures on display at her home. We need to get sponsorship flyers distributed. We are in the vicinity of \$4000 in sponsorships at this time. \$500 of that is TDA money, Paul Marion committed \$150 for his company and Fishtop

Cabins will donate \$500. Laretta reported we need to put a deposit on the golf carts. The amount is \$2,000. Paul asked if the golf carts have permits. It was noted that they are the same ones used for the Art Festival. He also asked if we need police cars in various locations to show people where downtown is located. Laretta reported we now have six houses: Clark Thompson, Linda Bailey, Daniel & Kim Everett, Clark & Pam Kolb, Nelson & Anna Chandler, yellow house on Columbia. Cindy Tuttle will check again with Camilla Luckey regarding the Luther Thompson house on Louisiana. Paul reported that in the future we should get more TDA money now that they are joining with Polk County. Laretta reported we need to contact Bold Life, Foothills, etc. We need to select a home for a Channel 7 interview. Laretta talked about her historic activities in Ft. Meade, Florida. She says we need to get our historical story together. Rails to Trails has requested a lot of information

- **Historical Marker** - Billy got the green light from the McCreery Park Committee. But they have requested to see an example of what the sign will look like. They need dimensions. Billy brought in this information today, which Cindy will share. Paul says the city needs to approve it also. It should be brought up at the next council meeting. The question remains, where do we put it and what is the timing? Paul said it could be around a year. The cost is \$4000. Billy says the city will need to put it up. Paul questioned the location. He said Friends of McCreery Park could help with fundraisers.
- **HSC Website**—Cindy reported our website is out of date. Paul suggested his freelance person should get with Cindy regarding our website.

NEW BUSINESS

- **SBA (Saluda Business Association) WEBSITE** – Cindy reports they are using our wording from Images of America: Saluda on their website. Cindy wrote it and it's copyrighted by Arcadia Publishing Company. She has reached out to the new chair of the SBA but has not heard back from her to date. This needs to be corrected. Cindy reported that they don't have to take it down, they just need to credit the book and the HSC.
- **VISIT SALUDA WEBSITE** –Cindy reported our website is out of date. Paul suggested his freelance person should get with Cindy regarding our website. Paul's business website is Visit Saluda, NC.com. He reported he has redesigned the site and enhanced it. He has a skeleton of a design that can be used for historical information. He says when the TDA merges then there will be more website space for HSC. Paul invited us to contribute to the Visit Saluda, NC website.

CITY REPORT – None

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM

Next Meeting Date: Friday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Nancy Pew, Secretary, Vice Chair