

## **SHELBY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION \* MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

CHAIRMAN POUNCEY OPENED THE MEETING AT 3:00 p.m. IN ATTENDANCE WERE POUNCEY, LEWIS, GOTTEN, OGLE, GRAEHL, BARFIELD, BOBO, COLE, FRANCIS, QUINN, RAINEY, STANSBURY, SWISHER, TODD, DUNN, MILLAR, AND NEW COUNTY HISTORIAN MR. JIMMY ROUT. GUEST SPEAKER WAS NUR ABDALLA, COORDINATING CURATOR OF THE PINK PALACE FAMILY OF MUSEUMS. THE ROLL WAS CALLED AND A QUORUM WAS PRESENT. THE JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES WERE APPROVED. THE MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ON FEB 7<sup>TH</sup> WAS PRESENTED WITH ONE CORRECTION OF THE WORD "PROMOTION" TO "PROMOTING" IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS THE REPLACEMENT PROCESS OF THE COUNTY HISTORIAN IN VIEW OF MR. OGLE'S IMMINENT DEPARTURE FROM MEMPHIS. A MOTION WAS PASSED TO RECOMMEND DELAY OF TWO MONTHS BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO GIVE TIME FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF COUNTY HISTORIAN AS WELL AS OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

MS. ABDALLA GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE UPCOMING MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> OPENING DAY OF THE BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT, ENTITLED "MAKING MEMPHIS: 200 YEARS OF COMMUNITY". AN INFORMATIONAL FLYER WAS DISTRIBUTED.

MR. OGLE STATED THAT HIS FREE LECTURES AT THE PINK PALACE HAVE STARTED AND BEEN FULLY ATTENDED. TWELVE LECTURES ENTITLED "MAKING MEMPHIS: STORYTELLING WITH JIMMY OGLE" WILL BE GIVEN WEEKLY ON VARIOUS TOPICS OF MEMPHIS HISTORY THROUGH MARCH 14. AN AUDIO RECORDING OF EACH LECTURE WILL BE AVAILABLE. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT [jimmyogle.com](http://jimmyogle.com).

AT THIS POINT CHAIRMAN POUNCEY CALLED FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS.

FINANCE: MR. OGLE STATED THAT THE SCHC HAS \$5912.84 IN THE BANK.

HISTORICAL MARKERS: JIM COLE STATED THAT THE MARKERS COMMITTEE MET THIS WEEK REGARDING THE WHITEHAVEN LANE COMMUNITY MARKER. THE TEXT OF THE MARKER WAS READ AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. IT WILL BE DEDICATED IN MAY. BOOKS: MS. RAINEY SAID WE NOW HAVE FIVE BOOKS THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED FOR AWARDS AT THE HISTORY FESTIVAL. SOCIAL: LYSBETH FRANCIS TREATED THE COMMISSION TO VALENTINE CUPCAKES. HISTORICAL PROPERTIES: KEVIN QUINN SAID THERE ARE NO UPDATES. PUBLIC RELATIONS: VALERIE BARFIELD REMINDED US OF OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS: THE SHELBY CO. HISTORY FESTIVAL WILL BE AT DAVIES MANOR HILLWOOD HALL ON APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>. TWO COMMISSIONERS WILL BE JUDGES AT THE HISTORY DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS ON FEBRUARY 23.

NEW BUSINESS: JIMMY ROUT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY VOTED IN BY THE SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS THE NEW SHELBY COUNTY HISTORIAN. HE IS EAGER TO TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS JOB AND TO BRING INNOVATION AND ENTHUSIASM TO THIS ROLE. WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH HIM OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS OF HIS TERM.

KEVIN KANE MADE AVAILABLE ENOUGH COPIES OF HIS NEW BOOK, AND EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN A COMPLIMENTARY COPY. WE THANK MR. KANE FOR HIS GENEROSITY AND DEDICATION TO MEMPHIS.

**JIMMY OGLE WAS GIVEN A STANDING OVATION IN APPRECIATION OF HIS STEADFAST WORK IN PRESERVING MEMPHIS HISTORY AND IN LEADING THE SHELBY CO. HISTORICAL COMMISSION THESE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. NO ONE COULD HAVE DONE IT BETTER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM BACK IN MEMPHIS FOR SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.**

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY MARCH 14, 3:00 AT THE ARCHIVES. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:15.**

**NICHOLAS GOTTEN, JR., SECRETARY**