

Camp Blount Historic Site Association Quarterly Meeting

August 18, 2022

The August quarterly meeting of the Camp Blount Historic Site Association was held at 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2022 at the new Camp Blount pavilion. President Randy Delap opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ben Beddingfield reported a balance of \$58,835.79 as of August 11, 2022. There is one outstanding check for \$1,018 to N-Designs for additional t-shirts. Earmarked funds included in the balance are: Greer Cabin: \$3,696, Volunteer Days 2022: \$5,181.70, Tim Morrison Fund: \$130, War of 1812 Societies: \$10,000 (Greer Cabin), Tree donations: \$3,350, Statue Lighting: \$4,000 (donation from Farm to Table). Motion to accept was duly made and approved.

Membership Director's Report: Gloria Meadows reported 171 charter memberships with a total membership now standing at 211, an increase of +13 from last year. Motion to accept was duly made and approved.

Pavilion Update: Ernie Roles Jr. did an excellent job on the pavilion construction. Brad Jean donated and laid the sod.

Cabin Update: Colin Wakefield reported Ernie Roles Jr. is very close to pouring the Greer cabin foundation.

Foundation Plan/Meeting with State Officials: Eddie Hall recapped the August 11 meeting with the State Officials (Nina Stall, Patrick McIntyre), our City Officials, and Camp Blount Board members. The purpose of the meeting was (1) for State and City to sign the Management/Maintenance Contract that had expired (2) to discuss the Foundation Plan. The following are comments about this meeting:

- Nina wants to use our site as a test case for other state projects by combining the Foundation and Interpretive Plans into one document.
- The State, City, and Camp Blount Board presented their lists of stakeholder candidates.
- The Camp Blount site can only be used for historical events and must first receive formal approval from Nina, and our City Mayor and Administrator. Jill Rael volunteered to coordinate these approvals with Nina and Kevin.
- Nina stated we will need to hire a professional author for developing the documents. A grant request will need to be written to pay for this position. Jill Rael was recommended due to her professional experience in historical document and grant writing. She is a member of Camp Blount and has a long history with the site and the project. Nina and Patrick thought this was a good idea and saw no conflict of interest.

- A motion was made and approved by the Camp Blount Board to hire Jill as our project author.

Wars Commission Grant Fund: Randy Delap reported there were no new updates on the grants.

Youth Board: Denise Nunley and Mark Mitchell presented the list of fourteen Student Board Members for 2022/2023 along with their meeting schedule. The students represent RCA, LCHS, FHS, and Home School. Denise stated these students are all very high achievers. They will be participating in the Volunteer Days and Host.

Volunteer Days: Colin Wakefield reported Rob Rambo will be making a presentation on the war of 1812. Isaac White and his fiancé will be portraying David and Polly Crockett. Nick Nichols will have 15-20 reanactors and will be putting on many demonstrations. Myers Brown will be attending. Farris Beasley reported the replica flint lock rifle used for the statue will also be on display. A request was made to the city to spray for mosquitoes. FPU has been contacted about using their equipment to clear the brush by the river. Gloria Meadows presented the 9/30 school arrival times. Jill Rael will develop a press release on the event for the new TN Chamber Vacation Site.

Honorary/Auxiliary Board: Randy presented the following candidates: Bryan Divis, Charles Cunningham, and Austin Rennie. Motion to accept these candidates were duly made and approved.

Other Business:

- Trees: 120 trees have been planted. Still have 70 available @ \$70 each. An overhead map will be developed showing the locations of these trees.
 - Travis Rael worked with the State to obtain permission to plant the six oak seedlings that came from the original trees in front of Wal-Mart. Now waiting for better weather to plant.
- Drainage project: Project is currently on hold due to lack of funding. Need to promote Camp Blount to our State Leaders whenever possible.
- Good News Magazine: Camp Blount will be featured in the September article.
- Farm to Table Donation: \$4,000 was donated for lighting the statue. Working with Ernie Roles Jr. and Chuck Barnes on installation and timing.
- Camp Blount Activity Waiver: Austin Rennie developed a template for Volunteer Days activities. The waiver has been submitted to our City for review and approval.

Next Camp Blount Historical Site Association meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on November 17, 2022, at the City Municipal Building.