

THE
HARTSVILLE
MUSEUM


Minutes
City of Hartsville, South Carolina
Hartsville Museum Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 6:00 PM
The Hartsville Museum, 222 North Fifth Street

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022 AND DULY POSTED AT THE HARTSVILLE MUSEUM LOCATED AT 222 N. FIFTH STREET AND ON HARTSVILLESC.GOV. THE HARTSVILLE MUSEUM IS AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 843-383-3005.

Members present: Chair, John Nichols, Vice Chair, Sue Brand, Paula Alvarez, Phyllis Fields, Judi Elvington, Leo Rondeau, and Kathy Lawhon

Members absent: Treasurer, J. Colin Hungerpiller (excused absence), and Davita Malloy (excused absence)

Staff: Museum Manager, Andrea Steen, City Manager, Daniel Moore

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**

Nichols thanked everyone for coming and called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2. **Motion to Approve Minutes from Special Meeting August 23, 2022** – APPROVED

Motion: Elvington; Second: Brand; Carried: All Ayes.

3. **Updates** – Steen

a. **Operating Report**

Museum budget was included in your agenda packet. This printout shows where we are within our budget and our expenditures. As we approach the half year mark, this report indicates we are operating within budget. Nichols states; the operating report is essentially the City's budget that it allocates for the museum and shows normal, routine operating expenses that come out month to month. The revenue doesn't vary much because it is mostly an operating budget of expenses. We have this on the agenda as informational only.

b. **Dinner Theater Fundraiser**

A big fundraising success! The museum's first murder mystery dinner theater, "Funeral for a Gangster" was a big project, a lot of fun, and something that we will want to do again. We had four sold out shows, entertaining 80 guests per show. The first two nights were sold out within 2 weeks of tickets going sale. Elvington shared; I heard so many nice things, from various groups, in a number of places around our community about a wonderful event they went to at the museum. Nichols acknowledged; we really appreciate the hard work Steen put into the fundraiser and generating funds that will be put towards museum projects that are not part of the City's budget. Beyond that is the bigger picture to get the museum exposed to the widest possible audience in Hartsville and getting that positive message out there about the museum. Steen agreed; we met our goal to make the museum more visible and relevant to a wider audience and raised funds to frame over 24 prints by Virginia Fouche Bolton, a Hartsville native famous for her watercolor paintings of people, buildings, and landscapes in Charleston, SC. Upon completion these prints will be on display at The Edition.

c. **Denny Bros. Jewelers Clock**

This is an ongoing project that began in 2017 and is still near completion. Unfortunately, we have had a minor setback with sign painter Jimmy Jolly in Darlington. Jolly had to step away from the project and returned the glass to Phil Gandy. Gandy's project role is to reassemble the housing of the clock after the painted glass has been added and he is still willing to stay with the project until its completion. We are confident if we broaden our search towards Columbia we will locate a professional sign painter and finish this project in early 2023. Nichols discusses the original location of the clock downtown and if any pictures exist. The business was located between the Boyd-Powe and Marguerite Hotel.

a. University of South Carolina Traveling Exhibit “Justice for All...”

This January 2023, a new traveling exhibit is coming to the Hartsville Museum from the University of South Carolina. This exhibition will showcase the whole spectrum of South Carolina’s role during the Civil Rights Movement and tell the story of those individuals and institutions that helped bring forth equal rights and change in South Carolina. The exhibition will officially open on Monday, January 16th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and conclude on March 31st. Jannie Harriot is helping and coordinating community outreach with USC and an opening reception at the Museum. I will be reaching out to you in the next month for ways the Museum Commission can help support this project.

d. Santa’s Workshop

Santa’s 6th Annual visit to the Museum is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th, 9:30 – 12:30 to take pictures with families and children. The Museum is completely ready for tomorrow night’s kick-off to the holiday season and the City’s Annual Heart of the Holiday Open House celebration. We invite everyone to join us as we will be open to the public from 6:00 – 8:00 PM every Thursday leading up to Christmas.

4. **Adjournment** – Nichols

Thanked Moore for coming and taking the time to be at this meeting; it really means a lot. We appreciate the partnership with the City to have a facility like the museum in our town.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

John Nichols, Museum Commission Chair

Attest

Andrea Steen, Museum Manager