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**HARTSVILLE**  
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**Minutes**  
**City of Hartsville, South Carolina**  
**Hartsville Museum Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – 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 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023 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, Treasurer, Colin Hungerpiller, Davita Malloy, Paula Alvarez, Judi Elvington, Leo Rondeau, and Kathy Lawhon

**Members absent:** Vice Chair, Sue Brand (unexcused), Phyllis Fields (excused)

**Staff:** Museum Manager, Andrea Steen

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**

Nichols thanked everyone for coming and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. **Motion to Approve Minutes from Commission Meeting November 16, 2022** – APPROVED

Motion: Rondeau; Second: Hungerpiller; Carried: All Ayes.

3. **New Business** – 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. **2023 Historical Marker Program**

Each year the Commission has been asked to choose one new historical marker for recognition within the city limits. A recommendation was made in 2022 for the Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church located on Sixth Street. This recommendation was ultimately not approved by the Darlington County Historical Commission (DCHC) in 2022. Moving forward DCHC will consider this location for a marker if we can provide documentation that the Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church was the first Colored Presbyterian Church in Hartsville. Your agenda packets included preliminary documentation to support this claim from the book, "Unto Everlasting Life; The History of The Hartsville Presbyterian Church, 1867-1952." Malloy made a motion to choose the Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church. Second: Alvarez; Carried: All Ayes.

4. **Updates** – Steen

a. **Denny Bros. Jewelers Clock**

Looking to retain a sign painter to finish the "Denny Bros. Jewelers" lettering is still a high priority; currently pursuing a lead in Columbia. Staff and commissioners continue to look for identifying where the establishment was located with a focus on finding photographs from newspaper archives that would include the clock location in downtown Hartsville images.

b. **Virginia Fouché Bolton print framing**

Twenty-six prints have been delivered to the Kit 'N' Kaboodle frame shop. Prints will be framed in three high quality wood gallery frames, with coordinating double mats, and museum quality glass. Framing should be complete mid-March; funded in full by the Hartsville Museum Foundation.

c. **University of South Carolina Traveling Exhibit “Justice for All: South Carolina and the American Civil Rights Movement”**

The exhibition officially opened on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and was well received and supported by the community, the Hartsville Commission, City officials, media, and press. The Center for Civil Rights History and Research at USC provided the opening reception held at The Edition that was also well received with over 60 in attendance. Nichols mentioned that both facilities (the museum and the Edition) were highlighted, offering a good opportunity to showcase their values.

5. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

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**John Nichols, Museum Commission Chair**

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
**Andrea Steen, Museum Manager**