



**MINUTES**  
**HISTORIC SALUDA COMMITTEE**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024**

**ATTENDEES:** Cindy Tuttle, Nancy Pew, Ammie Weymer, Clara Carter, David Twiggs, Laretta Cook. At Large Member: Karin Spraggs, Mary Boehm. (Quorum present)

**Guests:** Betsy Burdett, Cindy Bishop

**WELCOME:** Meeting called to order at 2:07 PM

**MINUTES:** Minutes reviewed and corrections noted, including correcting names in attendance and adding the amount of sponsorships under Home Tour of \$8,200. David made a motion to accept the minutes. Ammie seconded. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** \$12,544.48. This represents significant sponsors for the Historic Home Tour.

**NON-AGENDA DISCUSSIONS:**

Cindy Bishop, whose house is on the tour, was introduced. She is excited to have her home included. She reported she found the deed to her house. She's unsure exactly when it was built. She has a picture of her mother on the porch, probably four years old. They had a dairy barn behind the house which collapsed a few years ago. She will have pictures of it on display for the tour. The house has been recently completely renovated and was remodeled one time in the past. In the attic and basement, you can see the old story. The Farm and Dairy was left to her and her sister. It has been in the family for over 100 years.

Betsy Burdett made a report on the progress of Reclamation Park and handed out a report. A committee has been formed just to work on this project, which is separate but at the same time collaborative with the Sullivan project. Both works to preserve the black history of Saluda. The Reclamation Park committee is writing a planning grant. She requested support from the HSC. Cindy indicated a willingness for the HSC to support the project. Betsy reported they have hired a historian to research the history. They are looking for answers to questions like: where did they come from, where did they go, how did they get here, their origins, etc. Origins are challenging since they are non-delineated. The historian hopes to involve the community and gather collections from locals. They are hosting a series of Summer Seminars to get community members to tell what they know about African American history in Saluda.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Oral History/Vlogs** – Nothing new at this time. Cindy is pleased to report an increase in people watching the YouTube channel. Nancy asked how these may be accessed. Cindy explained.

- **Step back in History Series** – Tabled
- **Historic Saluda Home Tour – June 8, 2024**
  - **Sponsorships** - \$9,500 received and pledged so far. Most have been paid.
  - **Posters** – Posters need to be designed. Karin Spraggs volunteer to design it. These will be available for sale during the tour. They might be put up around town in advance. Names of the present owner and the year the house was built will be included on the poster. One idea was to design it like a collage. Laretta stated she hopes to hold a meeting with the homeowners in advance of the tour. She has met with most of them individually.
  - **Ticket Sales**
    - **Money Collection** – Unsure of ticket sales to date. Checks should be made out to City of Saluda. The following are selling tickets: Mewdlie's, Saluda Historic Depot, Heartwood Gallery and the City will sell them the week of the event.
    - **Wrist Bands** – Ordered from Amazon and they have arrived.
  - **Transportation** – The golf carts have been arranged as well as the Old Time Trolley. We need orange cones for the trolley. They will pick up people at the parking lot of the Baptist Church.
  - **Brochures** – we will be using Cindy's template due to lack of time. In 2019 it was professionally designed. We need at least 300 brochures. At this time, we need a picture of Corinne's house without a car in the driveway. David volunteered to do this.
  - **Painting Raffle** – Tickets for Raffle \$10 or 3 for \$20. Painting displayed at Visitor Center. Laretta indicated there is a flyer about the painting. Drawing to be held after the tour.
  - **Volunteers** – The number of volunteers were estimated. It is hoped Linda Bailey will coordinate. At least 3 are needed per shift at the Visitor Center to sell tickets. David volunteered to work at the Visitor Center full-time. Ammie and Nancy will handle transportation. Approximately 16 docents are needed. Most homes will get their own docents, but there needs to be one outside to direct traffic. Laretta stated we need floaters to fill in where needed.

A discussion ensued regarding volunteers receiving a free ticket. It was agreed that if a volunteer works for 2.5 hours (half the tour) they should receive one free ticket. Nancy made a motion and Clara seconded. Motion passed.

- **Downtown Images** – Discussion ensued regarding the idea of displaying images around town depicting Saluda during its early years. Laretta reported we need to identify what pictures we have and where to put them. Cindy Tuttle reported that after lining up the homes on the tour, they all were built between the 1880s to 1930s. This happens to represent Saluda's first five decades. It was agreed that this would be the theme. It was agreed that the images should be as big as possible and put on a backboard. Cindy agreed to take care of this task.
- **Miscellaneous** – Cindy reported the Pace Society of America reunion will be in Hendersonville this year and they are coming to Saluda the day before the Home Tour. Cindy is doing a welcome at the MA Pace Store and will invite them to the home tour. Flowers – We only need 6 floral bouquets as the remaining homeowners will be doing

their own. Nancy will be responsible for getting flowers and garden club volunteers. Clark and Pam put in a ramp and freshened up the area. Cindy has been helping Pam with the history of the house.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Historical Marker** – Tabled
- **HSC Website** – Tabled
- **Saluda Grade Trail** – Laretta will be on the local Saluda Grade Trail Committee and will report back to the HSC.
- **The Appalachian Channel** – Cindy has invited John Ward who hosts a YouTube channel called The Appalachian Channel to come to Saluda to film. They feature old stores and things of historic interest. They are filming at Thompson’s Store and Ward’s Grill today. Cindy is to meet him today after the meeting. Tomorrow they are filming at MA Pace Store and Cindy will participate. Cindy invited other committee members to join in.
- **Betsy Burdette Report –NEW BUSINESS**
  - **HSC nametags** – Cindy will order where required. Nancy has one.
  - **Coon Dog Day** – Discussion held regarding interest to set-up a booth at Coon Dog Day. Interest was expressed, but no discussion was held due to lack of time.

**CITY REPORT** – None

**ADJOURN** - The meeting was adjourned at 4:15

**Next Meeting Date:** No meeting in June. The next meeting will be Monday, July 1, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

While the Committee usually does not meet in July, Cindy felt we needed a debriefing on the Home Tour. All members agreed.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Nancy Pew  
Secretary, Vice Chair