

# **DOWNTOWN MANCHESTER MOVEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Date and Time: 9:00 AM May 03, 2019

Location: The Church @ 117

## Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Downtown Manchester Movement Steering Committee (DMMSC) was called to order by Chairman Steve West at 9:03 with the following members in attendance: Steve West, Beverly Vetter, Evans Baird, Ellen Fletcher, Allison Dotson, Bridget Anderson and Ray Amos. Laura Gheesling of B & P Lamp Supply in McMinnville also attended. Absent were Kevin Jones, Ryan French, Mark Messick, John Mancini, and Katie Riddle.

## Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Laura Gheesling mentioned noticing things about the courthouse that could be improved, such as installing exterior gas lighting at both courthouse doors. She also volunteered to help with interior lighting. The group discussed the challenges faced in appealing to the county for maintenance of and improvements to the courthouse. Allison proposed that bids for exterior painting of the courthouse including but not limited to the cupola should be submitted to the group at the June meeting. Beverly, Steve and Laura agreed to get bids from painting contractors in the area.

There was discussion about landscaping the courthouse lawn and repair of the existing fountain. Ellen agreed to contact Sherriff Parton to ask about repair and maintenance of the fountain, since the current fountain was donated by former sheriff, Steve Graves and his department. It is unknown whether the sherriff's department or county maintenance is responsible for fountain upkeep. It was suggested that the Committee begin looking for grants for courthouse landscaping and fountain repair. Another alternative for fundraising would be establishing a GoFundMe account.

## Upcoming Events

- A. Ice Cream Social: Plans are underway for an Ice Cream Social, July 4, 2019. Activities and entertainers in addition to an ice cream truck that were discussed include a bike parade, unicyclist, "old time" and patriotic music and a storyteller. The Joanna Lewis Museum of Coffee County history will have its grand opening in conjunction with the

social. Donations solicited outside will go to the courthouse painting fund, and those solicited inside will go to the museum fund. It is hoped that the Manchester tourism Committee will help with a donation, as well.

- B. Steve agreed to contact Candy Crouch to solicit museum donations from Tullahoma since the museum has fewer photos, objects, etc. from Tullahoma than from Manchester and the rural parts of the county.

Tourism Concert: Allison brought up the New Year's Eve concert/party planned by the tourism committee, and suggested that this event could be another fundraiser for the courthouse painting fund since admission tickets will be sold.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ray Amos , seconded by Ellen Fletcher.

**NEXT MEETING 9:00 AM FRIDAY, June 07, 2019 at the Church @ 117.**