

**Orange Hall Management Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2023  
St. Marys City Hall**

- Meeting called to order at 9:30AM by Robin Cross
  
- Roll Call(quorum present)  
Present: Robin Cross, Niles Trapnell, Alise Pate, Carol Bradley  
Absent: Vernal Morrison, Allen Rassi  
Guests: City Manager Robby Horton, Citizen Jen Fabrick
  
- Approval of the minutes of September 14, 2023 meeting. Motion by Robin Cross, second by Niles Trapnell. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- Robin welcomed the 2 new members of the committee: Alise Pate and Carol Bradley. Alise has been the Director of the Salvation Army in St. Marys for 2 years, and prior to that worked for St. Marys Public works for 7 years. Carol moved to St. Marys in June, is a retired CPA, and owned 3 restaurants prior to moving here. Both are interested in Orange Hall, and seeing it renovated and opened back to the public.
  
- 1. **Cookhouse Construction Status:** Doug Mauer is no longer with Coastal Construction, and they will have a new superintendent on site shortly. There has been a problem finding a framing crew, but that is rectified, and the lumber is scheduled to be delivered the week of 10/15/23.
  
- 2. **Hippo Inventory Status:** Same as before, furniture will not be returned to Orange Hall until the ground floor is finished, and is ready for use.
  
- 3. **Phase 1 Plan for Ground Floor:** Phase 1 Ground Floor will not be addressed until the Cookhouse is complete. Ground floor will not be open to the public until autumn of 2024.

**General Discussion:**

- The Orange Hall booth at the St. Marys Seafood Festival was received well, and numerous citizens stopped by, asked questions, and picked up brochures. The brochures as designed by Angela Wigger and Kelly Bennett helped explain the status of Orange Hall. The candied orange slices and miniature orange trees were a big hit.
  
- With Kelly Bennett moving out of town, there will be a vacancy on the Committee that needs to be filled. Kelly was handling the Orange Hall FB page and announcements as they related to Orange Hall. This position needs to be filled. Alise expressed interest in

filling that need as she handles FB for the Salvation Army. She needs to be put in touch with Angela and set up as Administrator for the Orange Hall site.

- Discussion revolved around establishing a QR code for Orange Hall, as well as making it easy for citizens to donate to Orange Hall. This, as well as securing grants for Orange Hall, needs to be addressed ASAP. This need showed itself at the booth at the Festival as several people wanted to donate, and were unable as we were not set up for that.
- Discussion revolved about lighting up the front of Orange Hall for the Christmas season. A meeting needs to be set with Bobby Marr to address as this time is fast approaching.
- Important happenings at Orange Hall: St. Marys Community Market this Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> scheduled at Orange Hall, as well as The Build A Scarecrow Workshop at the same time. Live Nativity in December.
- The community needs to be made aware that the grounds of Orange Hall are available for use, and once the Cookhouse is complete, this opens the grounds for more functions.

The meeting was adjourned by Robin Cross at 10:35AM

The next meeting of the Orange Hall Management Committee is set for November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

*Niles Trapnell*

Respectfully submitted by Niles Trapnell, Secretary