

Orange Hall Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 14th, 2023
St. Marys City Hall

- Meeting Called to order by Robin Cross at 9:31AM.

- Roll Call(quorum present)
Present: Robin Cross, Niles Trapnell, Vernal Morrison, Kelly Bennett
Absent: Allen Rassi
Guests: Robby Horton, Bobby Marr, Jen Fabrick

- Approval of the minutes of August 10th, 2023 meeting. Motion by Robin Cross, second by Vernal Morrison. Passed unanimously.

- 1. **Cookhouse Construction Status:** Per Robby Horton, framing on the Cookhouse should start in approximately 2 weeks. Completion of the Cookhouse by Christmas is possible, but not guaranteed.

- 2. **Hippo Inventory Status:** When the ground floor is opened to the public, furniture will be chosen, and then moved from Hippo to the ground floor, and to subsequent floors as work and renovation is completed.

- 3. **Phase 1 Plan For Ground Floor:** Phase 1 construction will start after completion of the Cookhouse. The ground floor is scheduled to be open to the public in early Summer of 2024.

General Discussion:

- **St. Marys Community Market:** The St. Marys Community Market is scheduled to move from the waterfront to Orange Hall grounds on Saturday, September 16th. Repairs are being set up to the area occupied by the St. Marys Community Market. Bids are being accepted for a salt resistant grass, and/or artificial turf. The Market currently has 16 vendors scheduled to make the move. They will occupy the front and right hand side area of the mansion. They will occupy the grounds for at least several months. The city is also looking at several future alternative sites for the Market. Robin expressed the concerns of the St. Marys Garden Club as to possible damage to the grounds by continued usage. They are somewhat upset, but Robby gave assurances that the grounds would be properly taken care of. Robin will contact the Garden Club and pass on these assurances.

- **St. Marys Seafood Festival:** The OHMC will have a booth, courtesy of the Kiwanis Club, set up at the Seafood Festival scheduled for October 7th. We will have a tent, table and chairs, 2 small orange trees, and a banner. The banner is 24" x 48", and will state the

following: Orange Hall/St. Marys Crown Jewel. Kelly is working on the brochure, and it will be a tri-fold printed on plain paper. The brochure will state the progress made on Orange Hall, and what lies in the future for the grand old lady. Kelly will forward the completed brochure to Robby and he will print the brochure. The Festival runs from 9AM to 6PM, and Niles will forward a reminder, and ask for help in having members present.

- **Kelly Bennett:** Please note that this is Kelly Bennett's last meeting as she and her husband are moving out of town this month. She will be missed, and we wish her the best.

The meeting was adjourned by Robin Cross at 10:09AM

The next meeting of the Orange Hall Management Committee will be October 12th, 2023.

Niles Trapnell

Respectfully submitted by Niles Trapnell, Secretary