

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

- Meeting called to order by Robin Cross at 9:30AM

- Roll Call(quorum present)
Present: Robin Cross, Niles Trapnell, Carol Bradley, Todd Harding, Vernal Morrison, Allen Rassi
Absent: Alise Pate

- Guests: Robby Horton(City Manager), Jen Fabrick

- Approval of the minutes of November9th, 2023 meeting. Motion by Robin Cross, second by Vernal Morrison. Passed unanimously.

Cookhouse Construction-Construction is moving forward. Possible “opening” date of late February of 2024 dependent on work progressing at its’ current rate. Scheduling for use of the Cookhouse will be handled by Leann Howard, Executive Assistant. Her number is (912)-510-4041. Current use of the facility agreement has to be updated once the Cookhouse is complete.

Hippo Inventory Status-Basically on hold until Cookhouse is complete, and the Orange Blossom Room is constructed. It was decided that a tour of the Hippo inventory storage rooms and containers, along with a tour of the interior of Orange Hall, be set up for some time in January so the new members of the Committee will have firsthand knowledge of these two items.

Phase 1 Ground Floor-Construction of the Orange Blossom Room and other ground floor construction will begin once the Cookhouse has been completed, and funds are available.

Group Discussion:

- It was decided to set up 2 sub-committees to deal with Orange Hall needs. The 2 sub-committees would be: 1) Fund Raising, and 2)Strategy, Planning, and Marketing. Members would choose which committee they wished to serve on, with 3 members on each sub-committee. These sub-committees will be set up at our January, 2024 meeting.

- The possibility of setting up a table for marketing at the St. Marys Community Market, along with producing “ornaments” for Orange Hall, and the need for a QR code for Orange Hall were discussed.

- It is recommended that members purchase Kay Westberrys’ book “Eye of the Storm”. It has 85 pages in it related to Orange Hall. This book is available at Once Upon A

Bookseller located on Osborne Street in downtown St. Marys. The Bryan Lang Historical Library in Woodbine is another source for Orange Hall information.

- Robby brought forth the following items:
 1. The mechanical for Orange Hall has been looked at, and the City is aware what items need to be addressed.
 2. Duct work at Orange Hall has to be replaced.
 3. The electrical panel has to be replaced. This is part of the MEP(mechanical, electrical, plumbing) plan for Orange Hall.
 4. The new budget for the City and Orange Hall starts on July 1, 2024. The Committee has to set priorities for work to be performed. Irrigation and landscape, etc.
 5. The fence on the back property line bordering the Mock property at Orange Hall is scheduled for replacement.

- The Live Nativity at Orange Hall was very well attended, and it was mentioned the need to tie Orange Hall into other festivals. The Taste of Camden is one such festival being held on the grounds.

The next scheduled meeting of the Orange Hall Management Committee is set for January 11th, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31AM by Robin Cross.

Respectfully submitted,

Niles Trapnell

Secretary
OHMC