

MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
June 21, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Beverly Mason, Jon Batman, Rosalie Cook, Alex Dickison, Eunice Mann, John Richardson, Jim Robison and Cecil Tucker.

Members Absent: Carolyn Bistline, Bob Hughes, Ettie-Jane Keogh, Ed L'Heureux, Imogene Yarborough, Stephanie Youngers and Paul Zuromski.

Guests: Mrs. Cecil Tucker, Dr. Rachel Wentz with Florida Public Archaeology Network and Marie Desire-Homere with the Employee Academy.

Staff Present: Kim Nelson, Amy Lockhart and Kathi Clifford.

Location: Museum of Seminole County History
300 Bush Blvd.
Sanford FL 32773

Beverly Mason called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. There is a **quorum** present.

Opening Ceremonies:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation

Ms. Mason asked if there were any additions, corrections and/or deletions to the **May meeting minutes**. Mr. Tucker addressed the need for correction in the Historical Marker Subcommittee section of the minutes. Ms. Mann made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Batman seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Ms. Mason introduced the **guests**. Dr. Wentz gave some information about Florida Public Archaeology Network and emphasized that they are available for support of the Museum where possible. Ms. Lockhart explained that she is the Centennial Events Coordinator and gave a status on the events for Seminole County's Centennial Celebration. Ms. Desire-Homere gave a very brief bio of herself.

Old Business:

- **Pole Barn Update**
Ms. Nelson reported that the Historical Society voted today to donate an additional \$11,400.00 toward the pole barn so funds are available for the contractor.
- **Junior Historical Society Update**
Ms. Nelson asked Mr. Richardson if he could identify the teacher from the Bradley House tour so she could be contacted about joining the Jr. Historical Society. He agreed.
- **Centennial Fest Update**

Ms. Lockhart already gave an update on the progress of the celebration including the sponsor for the book is to be the Sanford Airport and the theme is of the celebration is “100 Years of Growth”.

- **Coffee Table Book Update**

Mr. Robison reported that he has been traveling with Mary Rowell getting pictures for the book. He is also going to Carolyn Bistline to review some pictures of Longwood. Mr. Robison also reported that the book about The City of Oviedo will be available November 5th.

- **Naming The Library**

Ms. Nelson reported that paperwork has been submitted so the BCC can vote on the naming of the library at a commission meeting.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Accession Subcommittee** –Mr. Dickison reported that he has received an electronic copy of the Longwood Museum’s Collection Management Policies. He and Mr. Richardson will be reviewing and comparing to the Museum of Seminole County History’s old policies and presenting revisions for the Commission to approve prior to going to the BCC for approval.
- **Docents/Education/Exhibits/Programming Subcommittee** – Mr. Zuromski asked Ms. Nelson to advise there is no report.
- **Historical Marker Subcommittee** – Mr. Tucker reported that at the Florida Cattlemen’s meeting in Marco he requested the Florida Cattlemen’s Association consider donating 50% of the cost for Cattlemen Historical Markers in counties throughout Florida.

New Business:

- **Buggy Restoration Project**

Ms. Nelson reported that she has been coordinating the restoration of the buggy on display in the exhibit building and former Commission member John Bistline has incurred the costs of the restoration. Dalton Dowdy did the restoration and donated some mannequins with period dress to display with the buggy.

Other Business:

- **Dampness Control** – Mr. Dickison advised that if a dehumidifier is used it will need to be faithfully emptied or it would overflow since the Museum cannot accommodate anything other than a self contained unit. He therefore recommended using a product such as Damp Rid. Ms. Nelson reported that her close inspection revealed little evidence of a dampness issue and she supported the Damp Rid suggestion.

Museum Monthly Report:

- Ms. Nelson reported that 4 more **oral histories** have been added to the collection.
- Ms. Nelson reported that the **summer exhibit** will be maps. Most of the maps will come from the Museum collection. She has found archival sleeves for the maps.
- Tomorrow Ms. Nelson will be selecting two pieces of **The Senator to exhibit** in the Museum.

Society Report:

- Ms. Nelson reported in the absence of Don Epps that the **Roast for Cecil Tucker** brought \$1,691 to the Society. The Society voted to donate \$650 toward the pole barn, \$650 toward the Cattlemen’s Historical marker and \$291 toward the Museum Library sign. Ms. Cook thanked the many people who helped make the “Roast” a success.
- Ms. Mason reported that the Society voted not to meet in July and asked if the Commission wanted to do the same. Discussion followed. Jon Batman made a motion to **cancel the July meeting** unless Ms. Nelson decides she needs to meet with them regarding the map exhibit. Eunice Mann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no other business. Ms. Mason announced the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.