

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

January 19, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on January 19, 2006, at the Museum of Seminole County History located at 300 Bush Blvd. Sanford, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Bistline for Chairman Linda Batman at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Bistline, Alex Dickison, Don Epps, Lillian Griffin, Robert Hughes, Ettie Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, David Miller, Phil Tua, Cecil Tucker, Paul Zuromski, Commissioner Van Der Weide and Karen Jacobs from Library and Leisure Services.

Absent: Linda Batman, Sandra Carroll (resigned) Fred Gaines, and Bonnie Ward

Announcements:

The November minutes were approved.

Ettie Jane Keogh announced that the Society will hold another Antique Fair at Cooperative Extension auditorium on Saturday February 18, 2006 from 10-3 p.m. This fund raiser is for the building fund for the museum.

Historical Markers:

Farmer's Market- (to be placed at the restaurant)

Wagner- John passed the first version of the marker

Gabriella- waiting to be installed (until trail is completed)

Hospital: ordered

Midway: ordered

Lake Mary Presbyterian Church: more information needed

Bradlee-McIntyre House- Longwood- ordered

Who owned the little store out on the Winter Springs curve? We need to contact Mr. Frank Wheeler as to owned the store.

Karen explained the situation with the existing microfilm of the Sanford Herald. The existing microfilm is the only microfilm that is available to anyone to go back and research.

The microfilm from 1908- 1950 is fading and soon will not be readable. Karen showed the Historical Commission a few bound original newspapers revealing the deterioration of the paper.

Karen stressed how imperative it was to save the newspaper and the contents. It is the only copy of the history from 1908 –forward.

Karen passed out a proposed estimate from one company for the re-microfilming of the Sanford Herald before it can be digitized. The estimate from one company DRS was \$29,000, of course 3 bids would have to be received and after the re-microfilming was completed, there would be another major cost of digitizing the paper and making it available on the web site with permission from the owners of the Sanford Herald. We already have received that permission in writing. The Herald also gave permission for the paper to be moved to our climatic controlled room for better preservation of the paper.

DRS came out and took the original paper and the old roll and re-microfilmed one roll to see if it would re-microfilm, with their technology and it came out beautiful. They did this free of charge, knowing no money was available in our budget for this project.

Karen has called many companies, locally, nationally and has investigated several options. Karen has been consulting with Suzy and UCF digitizing department.

A grant was submitted by the library last year for this project and was not awarded. The reason given was the county staff did not have expertise in this field.

Karen expressed how important this project is to the preservation of the history.

Commissioner Van Der Weide suggested that the county purchasing department and Ray Hooper might be able to help in the decision and acquiring a qualified company for this type of project.

Don Epps made a motion and it was seconded by Robert Hughes that we pursue two (2) additional companies that specialize in microfilm preservation for the Sanford Herald Historical data. The motion was passed unanimously.

Don Epps asked if the quote could be revised past 30 days.

Crowe/Donation Money.: A donation of \$20,000 was given to the museum many years ago by Jim Crowe. The Historical Commission has tried to save this original amount and only spend the interest. It has been tapped into a little a time. The total amount of this donation to date is \$23,000.00.

Karen asked the Historical Commission to consider no more than \$2,000.00 to finished the landscaping area around the pond and the pitcher pump outside by an outside source.

Alex Dickison made a motion and it was seconded by Cecil Tucker to re-landscape the area around the pond, pump and the funds be taken out of the Crowe Donation fund, not to exceed \$2,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously.

Cecil Tucker asked if the Museum still needed a crooked palm tree that is on Cecil property.

New Building:

Commissioner Van Der Weide informed the Historical Commission he had researched that funds from TDC can be used for museums. This might be a possibility.

The Commissioner's goal is to help fund the new Educational and Multipurpose building. Commissioner Van Der Weide is only one vote and if the Historical Commission wants to get this project off the ground they will need to contact each of their own commissioners to express their view points.

A foot print would be good for the future of this Historical Complex. Commissioner Van Der Weide will meet with Suzy concerning this project in the near future and approach the project in the BBC Commission report.

Karen expressed her vision for the museum to be in a cultural complex within the 5 points area, which would include Cooperative Extension and incorporate the arts as well.

Commissioner Van Der Weide informed the commission the master plan for the 5 points area is being considered at this time.

Society Report:

Fund Raisers will continue to help raise money for the new building. The Society feels they need a more professional brochure to ask for the funds.

Museum Report:

The county will apply for another Cultural Affairs grant in May for the new Educational and Multi-Purpose building.

Bonnie Ward's cemetery's book has been re-typed. Two boxes were typed by Kendrick and the first box was typed by Debbie Lowe.

New marker:

Eunice Mann would like the historical commission to take into consideration erecting a historical marker at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Oviedo. The church is over 130 years old.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.