

MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
February 18, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jon Batman, Carolyn Bistline, John Bistline, Rosalie Cook, Robert Hughes, Ettie-Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, Beverly Mason, John Richardson, Cecil Tucker and Paul Zuromski.

Members Absent: Alex Dickison, Lillian Griffin, Jan Jernigan and Ed L'Heureux.

Staff Present: Kim Nelson, Julia Thompson, Bryan Nipe, Joseph R. Abel and Kathi Clifford.

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

Cecil Tucker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. There is **a quorum** in attendance.

Opening Ceremonies:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation

Mr. Tucker asked if there are any additions or corrections to the January meeting minutes. Beverly Mason made a **motion** to **approve the minutes** as submitted. John Richardson seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports:

Accession Subcommittee

- No Report

Education/Docents Subcommittee

- No Report

Programming Subcommittee

- No Report

Exhibits Subcommittee

- Mr. Zuromski reported on the current status of the **Weird! Strange! And Unexplained! exhibit** on track for October 2010. He requested any assistance members can provide to get physical things to go with the stories.
- Ms. Nelson reported on the status of the **Wildlife Artists exhibit**.

Historical Marker Subcommittee

- Mr. Tucker distributed a revised draft of the verbiage for the **Cattle Industry marker**. Discussion followed. Mr. Tucker requested members continue to review and try to finalize the verbiage at the next meeting.

Oral History Subcommittee

- Mr. Batman reported that the Oral History Project brought in over \$4,000 and the Museum of Seminole County History's share is \$2,000. Ms. Cook and Ms. Mason are scheduled to take an oral history on March 13th, 2010. Mr. Batman has volunteered to assist with the oral history by video-taping it.

Old Business:

Review Display/Exhibit Procedure

Mr. Tucker tabled the discussion to the next meeting.

Lake Jesup Bridge Marker

Mr. Tucker introduced Bryan Nipe who distributed verbiage put together by FDOT and Friends of Lake Jesup for a marker at the George C. Means Memorial Bridge.

Discussion followed. Members will continue to review the verbiage and try to finalize it at the March meeting.

Orange Belt Railway Marker

The Orange Belt Railway marker was backed into and damaged. It broke in the same place two other markers broke. Discussion followed regarding what to do to prevent this in the future.

New Business:

New Museum Brochure

Ms. Nelson distributed a second draft of the new museum brochure for members to review. Much discussion followed. More pictures are to be reviewed for possible use in the brochure.

Museum Saturday

Ms. Nelson informed that it was determined that February 27th will be Museum Saturday to raise funds for renovations to the Student Museum.

Museum Report:

- Ms. Nelson distributed and briefly reviewed the **January Museum report**.
- Ms. Nelson distributed a **participant survey report** regarding the feedback from Museum guests.

Society Report:

Don Epps informed that the next meeting of the **Historical Society** will be Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m..

Other Business:

Ms. Thompson mentioned to the members that the County is beginning the **next budget cycle** and next Tuesday Joe Abel will be making a presentation to the County Commissioners in a workshop on the third floor of the County Services Building. The direction received has been to hold the line. Cuts to the Museum are not expected. Mr. Tucker advised that his concern upon reviewing the budget he found online is that the Museum is not even mentioned anywhere. Ms. Thompson informed that she welcomes any thoughts and/or ideas for the budget submission.

Mr. Tucker asked if there is any other business. There is none.

Mr. Tucker **adjourned** the meeting at 4:30 p.m.