

MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
June 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: John Bistline, Carolyn Bistline, Robert Hughes, Ettie-Jane Keogh, Ed L'Heureux, Eunice Mann, Beverly Mason, Cecil Tucker and Paul Zuromski.

Members Absent: Jon Batman, Rosalie Cook, Alex Dickison, Lillian Griffin, Jan Jernigan, and John Richardson.

Staff Present: Kim Nelson, Julia Thompson and Kathi Clifford.

Guests: Don Epps with the Historical Society and Carol Watral with the Seminole County Employee Academy

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

Cecil Tucker called the meeting to order at 3:10 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 May meeting minutes. Beverly Mason made a **motion** to **approve the minutes** as submitted. Eunice Mann seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Old Business:

Update on Wild Things Summer Exhibit

Ms. Nelson informed that she has received good reviews so far. The opening reception will be June 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Orange Belt Railway Marker

Ms. Nelson informed that there is nothing new to report.

George C. Means Bridge Marker

Ms. Nelson informed that she has heard nothing yet. The marker should be delivered soon. A dedication date has not been set.

Subcommittee Reports:

Accession Subcommittee

- Mr. Dickison could not attend the meeting but requested Ms. Nelson distribute the old accession policy for members to review before the next meeting.

Education/Docents Subcommittee

- John Bistline informed that there have been no requests for tours.

Programming Subcommittee

- Mr. L'Heureux said he would be glad to speak whenever they need someone to do so. He informed that he will be speaking about "Famous Florida Women" at the Mayflower on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

Exhibits Subcommittee

- Mr. Zuromski informed that the Weird and Strange Exhibit is going very well. He expects to have presenters nailed down in the next few days. The exhibit will show from September 21st to November 20th.
- Ms. Nelson informed that she was approached regarding a potential traveling exhibit of "African American Women's Hats" and requested some feedback. Discussion followed. Ms. Nelson will get more information.

Historical Marker Subcommittee

- Mr. Hughes informed that he needs to know how many names need to go on the second marker listing families involved in the cattle industry for the **Cattle Industry marker** so he can calculate the potential cost. Mr. Tucker will get that information for him.

Oral History Subcommittee

- Museum intern, Ashley, gave a report in Mr. Batman's absence. They are putting together a list of possible candidates to interview and Ashley read off some names.

New Business:

1884 Florida Republican Newspaper

- Mr. Bistline informed that the Society has come into possession of one copy of Florida Republican newspaper printed in 1884 in Longwood. They plan to open it under the advisement of a specialist.

Historical Hikes

- Ms. Thompson informed that Steve Rajtar with the Florida Trail Association leads historical hikes around Central Florida and will soon be leading hikes around Cassadaga and Lake Lucerne as well as others.

Geneva Rural Heritage Center Trailhead

- Mr. Hughes informed that the Geneva Rural Heritage Center is to become a trailhead for the Florida Trail.

Museum Report:

- Ms. Nelson distributed and reviewed the **May Museum report** and survey.
- Ms. Nelson distributed before and after pictures of the restored 1890 Orange County map. The process was filmed by SGTV and will be aired in the Fall.

Society Report:

Don Epps gave the society report:

- Most topics have already been discussed.
- The Harriet Boyd Olympic metals have been installed in the French room.
- A couple maps were replaced in the Museum's Three Lakes Room.
- Greg Dawson will be speaking in the Agriculture Room on July 29th about the book, Hiding in the Spotlight.

Other Business:

Mr. Tucker discussed taking the month of August off for the Historical Commission meeting, as usually they take one month off during the summer and the Society had determined that this year they were taking August off. Julia reminded the Committee that with the busy fall schedule and the preparation for Weird Seminole just right around the corner, that July might be the better month. Paul Zuromski made a **motion to take July off**. Eunice Mann seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Mr. Tucker **adjourned** the meeting at 4:20 p.m.