

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

October 18, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on October 18, 2007, at the Museum of Seminole County History located at 300 Bush Blvd. Sanford, Florida. The meeting was called to order by member Don Epps at 3:00 p.m. sitting in for Chairman, Linda Batman and Vice-Chairman John Bistline.

Members Present: Rosalie Wright-Cook, Don Epps, Lillian Griffin, Ettie Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, Beverly Mason, David Miller, and Karen Jacobs from the Museum.

Absent: Linda Batman, John Bistline, Alex Dickison, Robert Hughes, Phil Tua, Cecil Tucker, Bonnie Ward and Paul Zuroski

Announcements:

September minutes were approved.

Bonnie Ward one of Carlton Henley's appointees has not attended a meeting in 3 years. A suggestion to not re-appoint her was entered. How can this be done?

Traveling Exhibit: Elements From the Range; A Quilt Exhibit will open at the museum on October 22, 2007, Karen reported

Ettie Jane shared a **Grant work shop** sponsored by the Humanities Council November 13, 2007 from 2-4 at the Little Red School House in Sanford.

Don Epps shared another **grant workshop** hosted by the BCC for grants at the BCC on November 6, 2007 from 10-12.

Lake Mary Presbyterian Church dedication on October 13 had a large turn out and showed a great tribute to the community.

Historical Markers:

Lake Mary Presbyterian- Dedication on Saturday October 13, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. on Wilbur Avenue.

Casselberry/Fern Park- Jane Casselberry will have an answer in the next week or so about how were the taxes paid for the city of Casselberry.

Wagner: discussion ensued and Karen will look into contacting the Peters family that still live at the curve. Beverly Mason will look into land records and Ettie Jane Keogh will contact former Sheriff Hobby in Georgia about people that might have the Wagner name. Rosalie Cook said there was a Wagner furniture store in Sanford and she will check on this as well. Karen passed out information concerning Wagner. Information might be in Orange County records. There were 4 pieces of paper including a map. On the second paragraph take out the word Clifton.

Altamonte Hotel: to be ordered in Oct.

Student Museum marker- to be ordered in Oct.

Gabriella-site is not ready yet

The Springs: The top to the Springs marker is still being repaired. The pole on Markham Woods Rd/434 is still there. A notification has been sent to the county staff as to how to resolve the issue of the outside contractors hitting the markers with the lawn mowers.

2008 markers need to be chosen. There has been a discussion about cutting markers from 4 a year to 2 a year. But this is in the Historical Commission's charter. Mini markers along the trail might be another avenue to consider.

Eunice Mann would like for Antioch Church in Oviedo to still be considered for a historical marker. The church is over a hundred years old.

Karen informed the board that the \$10,000 that was left out of the budget last year for markers is included in the Museum's budget for this year.

Don Epps informed the Commission about his meeting representing the board in Linda's absence with Commissioner Van Der Weide, Cindy Coto and Lisa Spriggs.

Items Discussed:

1. Money allocated for the Museum and Wilson's Landing was put back into general funds with Cindy Coto answering most of the questions that were asked.
2. No decision has been made on the closing of the Museum for budget purposes until late January.
3. No brochures about the museum were found at the Casselberry Library. Ms. Coto will look into this.
4. The resolution is still attached to the Cultural Affairs grant if awarded but if not, the museum is back to zero for the new building.
5. Mrs. Coto has read the MAP report and is comfortable with the Museum being under the Library division.
6. Don stressed the Museum needs more exposure. SGVT does a great job and of course the museum's web site is an asset.

Old Business:

The Historical Commission decided to go ahead and send the original letter that they had agreed on last month to each of the BCC members and county manager. Karen informed the Commission that a new person had been hired in the Library to handle the finances of the Museum. Karen has confidence in the new person, but certain bills still had not been paid at the end of the fiscal year. The letters will be sent to Linda Batman to sign and forwarded. A motion by Ettie Jane Keogh and seconded by Beverly Mason to go ahead and send the letter, was passed unanimously.

The Seminole County Historical Society is the 501 c and may be able to hire a professional PR/fund raiser to help raise the 2 million needed for the new Educational Multi-purpose building. Karen said a professional PR person with the correct buzz words that could put a packet together to take to large corporations to help raise the funds. What makes us so special that people would want to give money. How is the building going to benefit the entire community from students to senior and all in between.

Ettie Jane gave a mini Society report.
Meeting adjourned at 4:50.

