

**MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY**  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

November 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Carmen Bierman, Rosalie Cook, Robert Hughes, Eunice Mann, Beverly Mason, Esther McKean, Jim Robison, Cecil Tucker and Paul Zuromski.

**Members Absent:** Carolyn Bistline, Donna Bundy, Ettie-Jane Keogh, Bob Turnage and Imogene Yarborough.

**Guests:** Don Epps and Tom O'Hanlon.

**Staff Present:** Kim Nelson, Shorty Robbins and Kathi Clifford.

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

**Call to Order:** Mr. Robison called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. There is a quorum.

Opening Ceremonies:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation

Mr. Robison asked if there are any additions, corrections and/or deletions to the October meeting minutes. Eunice Mann clarified the name of the Oviedo event under New Business. Cecil Tucker made a **motion** to accept the minutes as Corrected. Eunice Mann seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.

**Museum Monthly Report**

- Ms. Nelson announced that she will be retiring effective December 31, 2015. She will continue to participate in the Historical Society.
- Ms. Nelson distributed and reviewed the Museum's October Monthly Report.
- The Florida Humanities Council grant Ms. Nelson applied for to help fund the Traveling Senator Exhibit was not approved.
- There will be a 'Theme of Florida Water' digital exhibit this summer from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- This Christmas the Fox Room will also be decorated with a Victorian Christmas display.
- The Sanford Herald interviewed Ms. Nelson for an article.
- The Sanford Herald digitalization project is winding down.

**Society Report**

- Mr. Epps reported that the by-laws have been updated and will be voted on at the January quarterly meeting.

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- The quarterly meeting schedule for 2016 is January 26<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The position of Director Emeritus has been added for the older Society member who are not able make the meetings.
- The Society is looking into upgrading the self-guided tours at the Museum.
- The Society is looking for permanent recognition of pole barn donors.
- St. Lucia Festival is scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Need volunteers.
- Mr. Robison reported that the November quarterly meeting at the Altamonte Chapel had 120 people in attendance. It was a great event.

Mr. Robison asked Mr. O’Hanlon if he had an issue he would like to address with the Commission. Mr. O’Hanlon advised that he is a member of an organization called TOP. It is an organization that is interested in preserving Oviedo. They would like more **historical markers around Oviedo** that would create a walking tour. They have sufficient funding available to install a couple historical markers annually. They would like the markers to appear in the Seminole County marker tour book. The first one they would like made would be for the Foster Chapel near Lake Charm. Mr. O’Hanlon read some verbiage they had created. Discussion followed. Mr. O’Hanlon will submit an electronic version of the verbiage for review by Commission members.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

- **Accession Subcommittee** – Mr. Zuromski reported that they are still looking for a new home for the antiques sales booth.
- **Programming Subcommittee** – Already reviewed by Ms. Nelson during the Museum monthly report.
- **Historical Marker Subcommittee** – Mr. Tucker reported that a draft of verbiage for the experimental station marker will be provided for review after the first of the year. He is confident funding can be found.

**Old Business**

- Mr. Robison is stepping down and will be honored at the December 12<sup>th</sup> BCC meeting.

**New Business:**

- Bring canned goods to the December meeting for donation to Russell House.

**Other Business:**

- The Senator exhibit is being moved to make room for the St. Lucia Festival. Ms. Robbins advised that she needs to make a recommendation to the BCC in January regarding the disposition of the megaliths. Discussion followed.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Adjournment:** There was no other business. Mr. Robison **adjourned** at the meeting 4:05 p.m.