

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

March 15, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on March 15, 2007, at the Museum of Seminole County History located at 300 Bush Blvd. Sanford, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Batman at 3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Batman, John Bistline, Alex Dickison, Don Epps, Lillian Griffin, Robert Hughes, Ettie Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, Dave Miller, Beverly Mason, Cecil Tucker, Commissioner and Karen Jacobs from Library and Leisure Services.

Absent: Phil Tua, Bonnie Ward, Paul Zuromski,

Announcements:

The February minutes were approved.

Retirement of Director Suzy Goldman:

A retirement reception was held on Thursday March 15, 2007 from 2-4 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension auditorium. Several Historical Commission members attended from 3-3:30 p.m.

The Historical Commission started at 3:30 today only, so members could attend the retirement reception.

Historical Markers:

Early Hospital dedication: March 19, 2007 @ 10:00 a.m.

Longwood Hotel/BM: arrived today-Karen to contact city and commissioner

Altamonte Hotel : text-John Bistline

Casselberry/Fern Park- need text-Karen will contact Jane Casselberry

Student Museum marker- need text

Gabriella-finished waiting for sight

Cultural Affairs Grant:

Karen received copies of the top 4 grants. The Historical Commission would like to have the new Cultural Affairs grant ready in May in case of no funding from the state.

New Grant Company hired by County:

Lisa King is the vice President of the Langton Associates and met with Karen and Library staff concerning the different grants for the museum. She is going to be advising us on the Mural grant as well as help us re-write the Cultural Affairs Grant due in May. Karen is very confident that she will do a good job for us.

Karen reminded the Commission about the property tax issue before the state and how it might affect the Museum's expansion project.

Update a New five year plan:

Karen will send a copy of the previous 5 year plan to all members either by e-mails or regular mail.

Next meeting will be a "**WORK SESSION**" Suggestions educational, fund raisers, etc.

Karen explained about **SWOT Analysis**: A technique for understanding your Strengths and Weakness and for looking at the Opportunities and Threats in your business. She will e-mail the form sheet and also mail it to the members.

Traveling Exhibit: "Pressing Matters Art Exhibit" is sponsored by the Sterling Wine Company of California. The traveling exhibit will have a preview night at the museum on April 5, 2007 from 6-8 p.m. This preview will be presented by the Museum, Seminole Arts Council and the Seminole County Historical Society. There will be music, wine and cheese and tables set up by the different art organizations and the society will have a table for donations and candle sales directed towards the building fund. This event will be by invitation. Casual attire.

The Seminole County Society has donated \$250.00 towards the event. Karen asked if everyone had received their invitation.

Karen's Museum Report: not available at this time.

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Historical Society Report: Alex gave the society report. The members are planning a field trip to Winter Park to visit the Morris/Tiffany Museum, Winter Park Museum and their office in Casa Filez. April 25, 2007 (9:30 to car pool or Museum at 10:00)

What memberships are paid by the county?

The County pays the Museum dues for the following organizations:

AASLH: American Association of State & Local History

FAM: Florida Association of Museums

FHT: Florida Historic Trust

FHS: Florida Historical Society

SEMC: Southeastern Museums Conference

The Society is a separate organization and is responsible for paying their own dues for these organizations.

Don Epps will check on John Sauls status.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45.