

MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
April 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jon Batman, Rosalie Cook, Alex Dickison, Jan Jernigan, Ettie-Jane Keogh, Ed L'Heureux, Beverly Mason, John Richardson, Cecil Tucker and Paul Zuromski.

Members Absent: John Bistline, Carolyn Bistline, Lillian Griffin, Robert Hughes and Eunice Mann.

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

Guests: Don Epps, Mrs. Cecil Tucker and Scott Chilcote & Allison Mikel 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 2:58 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 March meeting minutes. It was pointed out that under the Society Report Mr. Epps informed that the next Society meeting would be April 29th it should be the next quarterly Society meeting. Some grammatical errors were also pointed out. Jon Batman made a **motion** to **approve the minutes** as corrected. Paul Zuromski seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Old Business:

Update on Wild Things Summer Exhibit

Ms. Nelson informed that the Exhibits Subcommittee has approved the exhibits for the exhibition.

Orange Belt Railway Marker

Ms. Nelson informed that there is no change to report at this time.

Cracker Horse, Cracker Cow Lecture

Ms. Nelson reported that the lecture went well. There were 37 attendees.

Subcommittee Reports:

Accession Subcommittee

- No Report

Education/Docents Subcommittee

- Ms. Cook informed that she, Ettie-Jane Keogh and Caroline Bistline are getting 4-H involved and serving as a resource for 4-H.

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Programming Subcommittee

- No Report

Exhibits Subcommittee

- Mr. Zuromski informed that the Weird and Strange Exhibit is moving along. They will have it narrowed down by the next meeting.

Historical Marker Subcommittee

- Mr. Tucker distributed new drafts of the verbiage and cost estimates for the **Cattle Industry marker**. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of a larger marker or names of historical families on a separate granite plaque. Concluded they will continue working on the marker.

Oral History Subcommittee

- Mr. Batman informed that the current focuses are fund raising, starting to obtain oral histories and finding ways to perpetuate fund raising. They have commitments of \$8-9,000.00. They are discussing possible events for fund raising. Ms. Cook has taken the first oral history and Susan Holcomb has taken a second.
- Mr. Batman advised that the Orange County Oral History Center has collected about 200 oral histories over the last year.

New Business:

Review Display/Exhibit Procedure

Mr. Tucker informed that he has not been able to locate what he is looking for regarding display procedures. Ms. Thompson suggested and Mr. Tucker agreed that the Exhibit Subcommittee could recreate the policy.

Museum Report:

- Ms. Nelson distributed and briefly reviewed the **March Museum report**.
- Ms. Nelson mentioned the possibility of **sponsorship** for prepackaged exhibits. Mr. Tucker suggested looking at prepackaged exhibits for sponsorship at the next meeting.
- Mr. Tucker asked about the status of the George Means marker. DOT should order and pay for the marker. It should be shipped to the Museum and will be installed by Leisure Services staff.

Society Report:

Don Epps announced that Ed L'Heureux will give a lecture on Steam Boats and Paddleboats on April 29th, the Student Museum is having a rummage sale on May 1st, the Sanford Museum is having Train Day on May 8th and Greg Dawson will be speaking on the Holocaust on July 29th.

A biography of Harriett Boyd written by Alex Dickison was distributed. Mr. Epps advised that the Society would like to request that the Museum look for a way to incorporate some of her Olympic medals into the French Room.

Mr. Tucker requested Mr. Epps address the Museum's railroad map. Mr. Epps pointed out that the railroad map in the hallway is losing its red coloring and the Society wants to get involved in the restoration of the red coloring on the map. Mr. Tucker informed that he thinks the map came from Tallahassee and he will check to see if they have any more. Mr. Tucker advised that the Society also wants to look into getting maps digitalized.

Other Business:

Mr. Tucker distributed a handout making everyone aware of the annual Heritage and Ranch Festival coming to Kissimmee in October.

Beverly Mason informed that the Chase Groves marker has been cleaned and it looks beautiful. Mr. Abel informed that staff will be installing four posts around the markers as time allows.

Ms. Thompson informed that she met with the Geneva Rural Heritage Center looking for opportunities for partnership with Seminole County.

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

Mr. Tucker **adjourned** the meeting at 3:55 p.m.