

MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
May 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Staff Present: Kim Nelson and Kathi Clifford.

Guests: Don Epps, Mrs. Cecil Tucker, Heather Hohman and James Dippel 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 3:00 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 April meeting minutes. Mr. Batman clarified that under the Oral History Subcommittee it should reflect that the Orange County Oral History Center has collected about 200 histories over the last year not total, total are over 2,000. It was pointed out that Don Epps should be listed as a guest. Jon Batman made a **motion to approve the minutes** as corrected. Carolyn Bistline seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Old Business:

Update on Wild Things Summer Exhibit

Ms. Nelson informed that all but one of the artists have accepted the invitation to display.

Orange Belt Railway Marker

Ms. Nelson informed that \$400 were found to make repairs.

George C. Means Bridge Marker

Ms. Nelson informed that the marker was ordered on May 19th and there will be a dedication when the marker is installed. Mr. Tucker explained who George C. Means was.

Subcommittee Reports:

Accession Subcommittee

- Mr. Dickison asked about the old accession policy. Ms. Nelson said she would get it for him.

Education/Docents Subcommittee

- John Bistline could not be here so there is no report.

Programming Subcommittee

- Mr. L'Heureux requested members give Ms. Nelson suggestions for programs. Kim explained that the Museum would like to do one a month. Discussion followed.

Exhibits Subcommittee

- Mr. Zuromski informed that the Weird and Strange Exhibit is going very well. They are looking for a place to store the carriages to make room for the exhibit. Discussion followed.

Historical Marker Subcommittee

- Ms. Nelson reminded that new drafts of the verbiage were distributed at the last meeting. The Committee now needs to decide if they want one or two markers for the **Cattle Industry marker**. Mr. Hughes informed that he has looked into the cost of the second marker but he needs to know the names that will go on it to determine the cost. Mr. Hughes advised that he has found a donor for a second marker in granite. Mr. Tucker tabled the topic to the next meeting.

Oral History Subcommittee

- Mr. Batman informed that he is looking for the best way to display the oral histories being collected. He explained how the City of Winter Park has displayed theirs and requested other suggestions. Mr. Batman also requested ideas on how to determine selections for oral histories. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Tucker advised that it is important that the transcriptions of the oral histories be reviewed by people who know the subject matter to assure correct interpretation.

New Business:

Review Display/Exhibit Procedure

Mr. Tucker informed that this will be tabled to a later and as yet undetermined date.

Museum Report:

- Ms. Nelson distributed and briefly reviewed the **April Museum report** and survey.
- Ms. Nelson gave a summary of Mr. L'Heureux's storytelling program on May 1, 2010.

Society Report:

Don Epps gave the society report:

- Stella Fleece passed away. John Bistline and Kim put together a letter of recognition honoring her. The letter was presented to the family at the funeral.
- The Wild Things Exhibit opening will be June 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Alex Dickison is doing map research and obtaining an electronic copy of the Three Lakes Map which the Society will pay \$137.00 to obtain.
- Alex and Lois Dickison created a shadow box to display Harriett Boyd's accomplishments and it has three of the Senior Olympic medals in it.
- Mr. Epps requested Ms. Nelson give an update regarding the 1890 map preservation. Ms. Nelson reported that Restoration on the map has begun which is funded by a grant. They also suggested a second grant to apply for to obtain better preservation after restoration. Seminole Government TV has agreed to do a 30 minute story about the map.

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- Mr. Epps reminded the Committee that Greg Dawson will speak about the Holocaust at the Agriculture Center on July 29th.
- Mr. Epps distributed the Society membership list and requested each member try to recruit a new member to the Society.

Other Business:

There is none.

Mr. Tucker **adjourned** the meeting at 4:10 p.m.