

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

September 15, 2005

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on September 15, 2005, 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 3:05 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Batman, John Bistline, Sandra Carroll, Alex Dickison, Don Epps, Lillian Griffin, Ettie Jane Keogh, David Miller, Cecil Tucker, Phil Tua, Paul Zuromski, and Karen Jacobs from Library and Leisure Services.

Absent: Fred Gaines, Robert Hughes, Eunice Mann, and Bonnie Ward.

Announcements:

The July minutes were approved as there was no meeting in August.

Commissioner Van Der Weide cancelled coming to today's meeting. Linda re-scheduled him for the November meeting. John Bistline will be presiding over the October meeting as Linda Batman will be out of town.

Linda thanked John Bistline for furnishing the history bits tape in July.

Grants:

The grant process review scheduled for September 20-22, 2005 in Tallahassee was cancelled due to gas shortage.

A discussion ensued about our Special Category grant. Pro's and Con's were discussed.

1. There is no building falling down that needs repair, could hurt us in the point system. (no urgency)
2. Having matching funds is a plus in the point system.
3. Possibility of not receiving this special category grant.

Historical Markers:

Farmer's Market- this was cancelled (to be placed at the restaurant)

Wagner- John Bistline

Gabriella- waiting to be installed (until trail is completed)

Markham- installed

Hospital marker: corrections needed

Midway marker: corrections needed

Lake Mary Presbyterian Church: Ettie Jane to furnish information

Bradlee-McIntyre House- Longwood- corrections needed

Please e-mail corrections concerning markers to Karen.

Museum Report: Karen passed out the statistic reports. Karen gave a report about her trip to Naples for the Florida Association of Museums (FAM) conference. There were over 300 in attendance.

- How To Be An Effective Advocate (lobbying) with Dick Batchelor
- Making Up the Difference- workshop on campaign funding projects
- The New Media Madness-What Your Museum needs to know about New Technology
- Effective Community Outreach-developing new audiences
- FCAT effect on Museums- Cancelled
- Searching for the "American Idol" of Special Events-successful strategies Used to raise dollars and increase audiences.
- Museums, Libraries and Archives; Planning a Statewide Network-embrace the reality of preparing for disasters, are you prepared?
- Suggested fund raisers:

#1 Fund raiser in the state is Wine Tasting/Cheese

#2 \$1,000 a plate dinners

#3 Goddess Night

#4 Events are last on the list for fund raisers

Questions were asked about publicity for the museum. Karen explained that all press releases have to go through the county. It is then edited and sent to the media venues. The society may want to send information as well.

She also visited the AH TAH THI KI Museum in Clewiston, bringing back books and valuable information on the Florida Seminoles. This will add to the learning experience of the students of the county.

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Karen had to leave for county meeting about the 5 points complex. The meeting was cancelled and Karen returned.

Historical Society: Fund Raiser Sat. Sept. 17, 2005 Antique Appraisal Sale. 10-3 at the Community Building in Lake Mary. Letters were sent or handed out to help raise money for the new building. \$5.00 per item. Lillian Griffin is helping with this project. A separate account will be set up for the building fund.

Times Union Newspaper Project complete set \$123.05 also going to the building fund. Sponsorship for the museum is also going to be used for the building fund.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.