

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
September 18, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on September 18, 2008, at the Museum of Seminole County History located at 300 Bush Blvd., Sanford, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Epps at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Bistline, Rosalie Cook, Alex Dickison, Don Epps, Robert Hughes, Jan Jernigan, Ettie-Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, Beverly Mason, and Paul Zuromski.

Members Absent: Linda Batman, Lillian Griffin, John Richardson and Cecil Tucker.

Staff and Guests Present: Kathi Clifford, Kim Nelson, Joe Abel and Julia Thompson.

Don Epps called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. There is **a quorum** in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

Don Epps announced that member David Miller has passed away.

Don Epps asked the members if any of the 'lost' items on the side table belonged to anyone.

Don Epps asked if there are any additions or deletions to the August meeting minutes. Ms. Keogh pointed out that she did not attend the August meeting. Ms. Mason pointed out a grammatical error at the bottom of the second page. John Bistline made a motion to **approve the minutes** as amended. Eunice Mann seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Old Business:

Markers:

Altamonte Hotel: Mr. Epps informed that he has met with Bill James with The City of Altamonte Springs who gave an alternate location. Ms. Mason requested promotion of a more visible location.

Bookertown: Is installed.

Casselberry: Is installed.

Cranes Roost: Mr. Epps informed that the water still needs to recede at this location.

Evergreen Cemetery: The location is yet to be determined. Marker not yet received.

Gabriella: The location is still to be determined.

Wagner: Ms. Thompson is working on finding a location.

Ms. Mason informed that the **Chase Groves marker**'s paint is coming off. Mr. Abel advised that staff will be conducting an inventory and analysis of all the markers then determine how to proceed. It may be determined that a contractor needs to be obtained to refinish the markers.

Ms. Nelson informed that the goal is to have all the markers installed by the end of December.

Digitization Project: Ms. Thompson informed the IT Department is not only digitizing the microfilm and newspapers but they will also be attempting to convert it into researchable databases. Seminole County will be applying for a State of Florida grant to go toward the costs. The data will be housed on hard drives. Discussion followed.

New Business:

Museum Report: Ms. Nelson distributed the August Museum Report for review.

Museum Brochure Update: Ms. Nelson distributed three prototypes of a Museum brochure for the members to review. Ms. Thompson requested members give Ms. Nelson feedback in the next few days. Discussion followed. Members requested a "beefed up" brochure be brought to the next meeting for review.

Budget: There was discussion of a possible \$0.02 bed tax that has not been voted on by Board of County Commissioners and that the Museum could possibly receive some funding from that for another part time person if it passes.

Marketing Efforts: Ms. Nelson addressed her efforts to get new faces into the Museum. She has emailed the schools that the Museum is available for tours by appointment. There was a press release announcing the new hours for the Museum. The Museum is listed in the Orlando Sentinel and other free media.

Programming: A list of projected programming was distributed.

The subject of **volunteers** was discussed at length.

Mr. Bistline asked if an admission fee would be effective January 1, 2009. He was advised that the **new fee schedule** is on the October 21, 2008 BCC agenda. If approved it will take effect January 1, 2009. Mr. Abel outlined how the new fee structure was derived. There was discussion on what a visitor would receive for their admission fee.

Community **sponsorships** were discussed.

Mr. Bistline gave the Society report.

John Bistline made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.