# MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Jon Batman, John Bistline, Carolyn Bistline, Rosalie Cook, Robert Hughes, Ettie-Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, Beverly Mason, John Richardson, Cecil Tucker and Paul Zuromski.

**Members Absent:** Alex Dickison, Lillian Griffin, Jan Jernigan and Ed L'Heureux.

Guests: Paula Irby, Lisa Turner and Robert Walter with the Seminole County Employee

Academy.

**Staff Present:** Kim Nelson and Kathi Clifford.

**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:**

- o Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation

Mr. Tucker asked what corrections were made to the August meeting minutes and he was informed that the names of the guests, the family that toured the County historical markers, were added to the minutes. Mr. Tucker asked if there are any additions, corrections and/or deletions to the September meeting minutes. There were none. Eunice Mann made a **motion** to **approve the minutes** as submitted. Carolyn Bistline seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

## Grand Opening of "Weird and Strange" Exhibit

Ms. Nelson informed that 18 people attended and a good time was had by all.

## **Orange Belt Railway Marker**

Ms. Nelson informed that no installation date has been set.

#### George C. Means Bridge Marker

Ms. Nelson informed that dedication ceremony was attended by 33 people including Commissioner Carey and John Bistline. Mr. Bistline spoke. It was a very nice ceremony.

# October 9th DAR Meeting At The Museum

Ms. Nelson informed that 30 DAR ladies came for their Annual Regents meeting and luncheon. Mr. Tucker informed that the DAR had an active role in helping get the Museum started.

## October 13<sup>th</sup> Presentation by Charlie Carlson and Scott Marlowe on Weird & Strange Phenomena in the County

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Paul Zuromski informed that 41 people attended. Both speakers were very good.

## **Subcommittee Reports:**

## **Accession Subcommittee**

o No report.

## **Education/Docents Subcommittee**

o No report.

## **Programming Subcommittee**

No report.

## **Exhibits Subcommittee**

 Mr. Zuromski informed that the Public Relations generated from the Weird & Strange Exhibit was very good. Ms. Nelson passed around several articles for everyone to review. Harry Wise's items from the exhibit have been donated to the Museum.

## **Historical Marker Subcommittee**

o Mr. Tucker stated that he is working on obtaining funding for the Cattle History marker. Discussion followed. Ms. Mason had nothing to add. Ms. Mann suggested an historical marker at the Lawton House in Oviedo. Discussion followed.

## **Oral History Subcommittee**

- Mr. Batman informed that Altamonte Springs Leisure Services is interested in helping with fund raising in the form of an annual event at Cranes Roost Park. They are still working on the details.
- o Mr. Batman shared that Ms. Nelson and the students have done a tremendous job producing the Researchers Guide and it will be out soon.
- o Ms. Nelson advised that the Museum has about 30 actual oral histories in their possession. Five or six of them were acquired in the last couple of months.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Colored Hat Exhibit**

 Mr. Tucker informed that the Historical Society will be voting next month on the approval of a donation in the amount of \$350 toward the Colored Hat Exhibit which will take place in January or February 2011.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Celery City Cruisers are coming back on November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The 21<sup>st</sup> St. Lucia Festival will be December 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed.

## **Museum Report:**

- Ms. Nelson distributed and reviewed the **September Museum report**.
- Ms. Nelson informed that attendance has been up for the Weird & Strange Exhibit.

## **Society Report:**

In the absence of Don Epps, Cecil Tucker gave a Historical Society report. The next meeting of the Historical Society will be November 29<sup>th</sup> in the Agriculture Building. They were not able to get Joe Kittinger for the speaker so Ed L'Heureux will be speaking about famous men of Florida.

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## **Other Business:**

- Ms. Nelson asked the members if they wanted to have a December meeting similar to last year's December meeting. The membership agreed upon a brief meeting followed by a holiday celebration.
- Ms. Keogh reminded everyone that Celery Soup opens tonight at the Princess Theatre on First Street in Sanford.

Mr. Tucker asked if there was any other business. Ettie-Jane Keogh made a motion to adjourn, Jon Batman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting **adjourned** at 4:10~p.m.