

**MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

December 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Jon Batman, John Bistline, Rosalie Cook, Don Epps, Robert Hughes, Jan Jernigan, Ettie-Jane Keogh, Ed L'Heureux, Eunice Mann, Beverly Mason and Cecil Tucker

**Members Absent:** Alex Dickison, Lillian Griffin, John Richardson and Paul Zuromski.

**Staff Present:** Kim Nelson, Julia Thompson and Kathi Clifford.

**Location:** Museum of Seminole County History  
300 Bush Blvd.  
Sanford, FL 32773

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

Opening Ceremonies:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation

Don Epps asked if there are any additions or corrections to the November meeting minutes. Correct the November minutes to reflect that the approval of the October minutes was seconded by Cecil Tucker not Ben Tucker. Also show that Alex Dickison was in attendance not absent. And under new business's *December 2009 Meeting* it should read Commission and not Committee. John Bistline made a **motion to approve the minutes** as corrected. Eunice Mann seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Historical Markers:**

- Gabriella: Dedication on December 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. had 15 people in attendance with umbrellas. Commissioner Dallari attended as did many Commission members and Gabriella Historical Society members.

**St. Lucia Festival:**

Over 400 people attended the festival on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. There was good representation by the Historical Society and the Historical Commission. The coverage in the Sanford Herald was passed around.

**Cattle Industry Marker Update:**

Cecil Tucker will bring a copy update of the marker verbiage to the January meeting.

**Oral History Project:**

Jon Batman informed that the Orlando Sentinel's Joy Dickinson will be running several articles in the newspaper about the Oral History Project. Orange County received donations from the legal community for an oral history on the legal system in central Florida. Florida Hospital made a donation for the History Center to do an oral project on the development of health in central Florida. There is a promotion informing people donations are tax deductible if made by the end of the year. Mr. Batman proposed to the City of Altamonte Springs that they have an annual fund

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raiser 5K Run on March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day, for donations to the Oral History project. Mr. Batman requested any ideas for a good orientation be sent to any of the Subcommittee members and they will take a look at it.

**Sanford Herald Digitizing Project Update:**

The agreement has been signed. The paper now belongs to Seminole County BCC and the Seminole County Museum.

**Celery Avenue Agriculture Center Marker:**

Ettie-Jane Keogh brought back the topic of a marker for the Celery Avenue Agriculture Center. Mr. Epps suggested that the Marker Subcommittee make a marker policy and list in the first of the year.

**New Business:**

Julia Thompson informed that the **Lake Jesup Bridge** contractors, the Department of Transportation want an **historical marker** at the bridge. They also want to propose verbiage to the Committee and fund the marker. Mr. Epps said that would be a project for the first of next year.

**Nomination of 2010 Officers:**

Mr. Epps asked if there were any nominations for Chairman. Jon Batman nominated Cecil Tucker for Chairman. Ettie-Jane Keogh seconded the nomination. Mr. Epps asked if there are any other nominations. John Bistline made a motion to close the nominations. Jon Batman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jon Batman made a **motion to elect Cecil Tucker as Chairman**. Ed L'Heureux seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Mr. Epps asked if there were any nominations for Vice Chairman. Eunice Mann made a **motion to elect Beverly Mason as Vice Chairman**. Jon Batman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Thompson suggested Seminole County wildlife artists would make a good **traveling Exhibit** in the summer. Ms. Nelson requested suggestions for traveling exhibits for next year. She asked to have information on the candidates submitted to her by mid-March to review.

Mr. Epps informed the Commission that during the December 8, 2009 BCC meeting the commissioners **approved Carolyn Bistline** as Don Epps' replacement on the Historical Commission through January 2012.

**Museum Report:**

- Kim Nelson distributed and reviewed the November Museum report.
- Ms. Nelson informed that the work study person's funding has expired. Missy was thanked for her work at the Museum.
- Ms. Nelson advised that they will be harvesting the citrus trees at the Museum on December 18<sup>th</sup> and the citrus will be donated to the Sanford Outreach Mission.

**Society Report:**

Cecil Tucker gave an update on the Historical Society. The new Society chairman is Don Epps.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Epps requested a volunteer to assist with verbiage for Karen Jacobs plaque thanking her for her years of service to the Museum of Seminole County History.

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Ettie-Jane Keogh shared a book on dulcimers that is written at a third grade level and is the first in a series of books.

Mr. Epps asked if there is any other business. There was none. Ettie-Jane Keogh made a motion to adjourn. Jon Batman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.