

**Seminole County
Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2024**

Members Present: Deborah Bauer, Donna Bundy, Carmen Bierman, Beverly Mason, Marjorie Smith, Kathryn Townsend, Rosalie Cook, Lynn Dictor, Desta Horner,

Members Absent: Eunice Mann, Paul Zuromski, Kathryn Townsend, Bob Hughes, Kim Carroll, Desta Horner

Guest:

Don Epps, Seminole County Historical Society

Staff Present:

Farenda Brown-Administrative Assistant
Bennett Lloyd- Museum Coordinator
Michael Wirsing- Leisure Services Deputy Director
Amanda Salazar-Division Manager

Location:

UF/IFAS Seminole County Polycom Room
250 West County Home Rd
Sanford, FL 32773

On Thursday, 2/15/2024 Chairperson Donna Bundy called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. There was a quorum in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Welcome and Introductions

Don Epps opened the meeting by asking members to stand for The Pledge of Allegiance and leading the group into invocation.

Public Comment and Introductions

Jean Jonas spoke about restoration of the Paola Cemetery. Jean is requesting that a resolution be passed or a letter be composed and sent to the County Commissioner stating that this property has Historical significance. Since it is the oldest non aboriginal burial ground. Dating back 100 years.

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Approval of Minutes:

Deborah Bundy made the motion to approve January 18, 2024 meeting minutes with the following correction. Deborah Bauer and Kathryn Townsend had not received the monthly minutes, agenda, and attachment that contained the summary of the Paola Cemetery property that had been sent to staff by Jean Jonas. Ms. Bauer asked the board to table discussion of the topic until she and Commissioner Townsend could be provided the materials and have time to review them. She suggested that they be able to do so at the February meeting. Chairman Bundy was asked to direct staff to confirm that email addresses for Deborah Bauer and Commissioner Bundy to make certain that they were getting the monthly materials in advance of each Historical Commission Meeting.

Society Report: Don Epps, Seminole County Historical Society President

- 2 new members have been added to the Historical Society Board of Directors. Daniel Ruoss and Alicia Crosby
- Family Fest at Cranes Roost Park in Altamonte Springs will be held on 5/11/24, 1880's wagon for photo op, with Bonnets and shawls.
- 3/23/2024 Seminole Cultural Arts
- Evergreen Cemetery in Casselberry-Broader House/Shotgun House. Located behind Target and Pets Mart.
- Research Library will be filled with Black History books at a later date.
- 3 Gowns were donated and added to the Exhibit. One is a 1800's Victorian Gown that was worn by a young lady as she was being presented to Queen Victoria. These gowns will be permanent exhibits at the museum.
- The Central Florida Cemetery Preservation Project will demonstrate Headstone cleanings at Page Jackson, followed by Lunch and Learn.
- The State of Florida celebrates Archeology month in March. Society for Historical Casselberry will be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn at the museum on 3/25/2024 at 1:30 pm. This will be a day long event in celebration of Archeology month. This event is limited to 25 tickets, at \$15 each. Tips for Historic Preservation will be presented by Bennett Lloyd.
- Seminole County Parks and Recreation and North Branch Library in Sanford will cosponsor a talk given by Sara Miller (Regional Director) Florida Public

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Archeology network. Talking about a topic related to Florida Archeology.
This event starts at 6pm and is free to the public.

Museum Monthly Report: Bennett Lloyd, Museum Coordinator

- Bennett will not be in attendance at the Treasured Talent Artist Reception. He will be in St. Augustine attending School of 16th Century.
- Museum attendance was 124 last month, much higher than the regular 30-60 people.
- February 24th and 25th Pine Castle Pioneer Days-Carriage History talk.
- March 15th and 16th Timeline of Women's History event.
- 3/23/24 Ponce Inlet Heritage Day
- 3/30/24 Ask an Archeologist Event. Zachary Gilmore will be answering questions about archeology.
- Volunteers have been very busy reorganizing map room, working on research requests, photograph inventory, revisions are still being made on the volunteer handbook and collections policies, restoring John Polks desk that was donated by the Seminole County Sheriffs office.
- Still working on the Dollars and Duchesses High Tea Exhibit. The Geneva museum loaned some items including a Russian tea set.
- Calling cards and books were loaned from Henry Sanford's library.
- The 1930's nurse's uniform is our only garment from the 1930's and part of the dress purchase from the Seminole County Historical Society will be a 1930's garment to help us interpret that period.
- Event scheduling conflicts due to being short staffed and having no volunteer coverage.
- Bennett is asking, that a full time employee be hired for the museum. Someone who can drive the van and help out with the Senator's Outreach

Commission Report-Michael Wirsing, Leisure Services Deputy Director

- The walkthrough by M. Wirsing and the Facilities director will take place at Building 302 to discuss ways to refit the building for the future carriage exhibit.

Subcommittee Reports:

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No subcommittees met this month.

Updates: Bauer said that she's not getting updates through email.

New Business:

Old Business:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:59PM.