

**Seminole County  
Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2024**

**Members Present:**

Carmen Bierman  
Donna Bundy  
Deborah Bauer  
Beverly Mason  
Marjorie Smith  
Judith Smith  
Paul Zuromski  
Rosalie Cook

**Members Absent:**

Kathryn Townsend  
Lynn Dictor  
Bob Hughes  
Desta Horner  
Kim Carroll  
Eunice Mann

**Guest:**

Don Epps

**Staff Present:**

Mandy Salazar  
Bennett Loyd

**Location:**

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

On Thursday, 4/18/2024, Chairperson Donna Bundy called the meeting to order at 3:08pm. 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 lead the group into an invocation.

**Public Comments and Introductions**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Marjorie Smith motioned to approve, second by Beverly Mason

**Society Report:**

- Quarterly meeting last week
- March 25<sup>th</sup> was archaeology day at Page Jackson Cemetery
  - Deborah Bauer said there were 4 events the same day with over 120 total attendance for all events to celebrate the State's Archaeology day
  - 8 groups collaborated to make the event successful for cultural and historical resource references. Looking to make it a repeat event for 2025.
- Spring Lecture, given by Dr. Deborah Bauer, will be April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Casselberry library to discuss Bennett's upcoming Natural Disaster exhibit. Free and open to the public
- March 30<sup>th</sup>, Bennett hosted "Ask an Archaeologist" – was successful
- April 27<sup>th</sup>, Earth Fest at Lake Concord Park supporting the society and the museum
- May 4<sup>th</sup>, presence at the Sanford Arts Cultural Guild
- May 11<sup>th</sup> at Crane's Roost – photo op and shoals and period hats for the public to enjoy
- May 18<sup>th</sup>, Central Florida Railroad Museum Community Day. There will be 6 other Historical Societies in presence.
- Looked into policies and procedures at our last meeting and discussed future events for fundraising
- Looking to edit the bylaws and update them if necessary

**Museum Monthly Report:**

- Photograph archiving – lots of volunteers on Tuesdays working on this project
- Working to upgrade museum software to bring it up-to-date
- Multiple volunteers have completed their time working with the museum. Bennett wishes them well on their next endeavors and thanks them for their service.
- Working to upgrade the humidity detectors.
- Annual gutter cleanings need to be done
- Replacing kitchen door
- Exhibits case for Dollars and Dutchess's needs some work on the castors once the exhibit is completed. Dry rot.
- Still looking for exhibit ideas for the next year. Will reach out to Ally to make a graphic to publicly solicit exhibit ideas.
- WastePro Museum tour – trying to work together for collaboration in the future
- High Tea had about 100 participants
- Ponce Inlet Heritage Day – about 500 people came to see the Senator trailer
- Whiskey and Wisdom with St. Johns Rivership Co. – about 60 people in attendance
- Senator Travels – Goldsboro Elementary had 140 participants
- Dollars and Dutchesses exhibit ends in the middle of May
- Send Bennett Lloyd photos of any possible emergency operations or storms in Seminole County from the past for the future exhibit (June through November will be on display)

- 2026 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Old Folks Home for the September exhibit slot
- Visitor breakdown: 942 in the last month with the museum and outreach events!

**Commission Report:**

- County staff will be meeting on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> about the next steps for building 302.

**Subcommittee Report:**

**Updates:**

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

- February commission meeting update – resolution sent to Chairman Zembower and it was forwarded to the rest of the county commissioners.
- Paul Zuromski got in touch with the gentleman who found the “new Senator” to get an update on a site visit. Seeing if they are the same size of the old senator, will report back to let us know what he finds. Would potentially warrant a boardwalk to go out and visit it in the swamp. Have GPS coordinates for the first tree, waiting to get a second set of coordinates.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm