

MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
January 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Corey Warner, Michael Wirsing, Bennet Lloyd

Guests:

Location: Museum of Seminole County History
300 Eslinger Way
Sanford, FL 32773

Call to Order: Chairman Donna Bundy called to order at 3:00PM. There is a quorum.

Opening Ceremonies: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: Chairman Bundy asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Chairman Bundy asked if everyone had reviewed the December Minutes. A few amendments were made to the minutes. Then a motion and a second was made to approve the December Minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Museum Monthly Report:

- Bennett Lloyd gave the Museum Monthly Report
- On display is the PTA Reflections Exhibit
 - Very successful reception for them. Expected 129 people, got 340 people.
- Next thing coming up is the Treasure Talent Exhibit with the current Sanford Seminole Art Association.
- Next big event is the Battle of Camp Monroe.
 - School Day on February 7th. We are going to have an encampment. The Encampments will be setup for exploration and demonstration.
 - February 8th is the Battle of Camp Monroe event. This will have reenactors, a musket firing demonstration and other activities
- On March 21st we will have a timeline of women's history, halting it at women's suffrage. This will be done in the courtyard, rain willing
- March 28th Ask an Archaeologist
- Project Reports
 - UDC Artifacts have been cleared for DAR Room to make room for PTA Reflections event. These will be evaluated for relativity to Seminole County. We want to focus on the Civil War still, just focusing on Seminole County.
 - Build a preterritorial section in the spots that open up for this
 - Second Seminole war during the territorial period
 - Henry Plant Wall, consolidate with the transportation room. Redo the posters in that room
 - This section will become the Civil War Room
- Senator Traveling Exhibits
- Buggy Exhibits
 - Pest control established for the building so that they don't get future pests. Hopefully this will springboard the cleaning and restoration process

- Security cameras coming throughout January and February. Closures will come to be able to run new cables through.
- Capital Improvement Project Report
 - Additional funding for entrance improvements, buggy maintenance, and a collections exhibit
 - New Museum Building would go towards a collections facility
- David Damrosio was recognized at the Master Gardner Ceremony. Gave him a centennial book.
- St. Lucia had 531 attendees. Largest in the last 4 years
- January has already been a big year for the museum for attendance
- Lake Mary Heritage Day on March 7th-8th. Bennet will be out of town, but wants someone to volunteer for the event.
- November 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the Ocoee Massacre. What is a sensible way to remember and recognize the incident? What might the museum do?
- Black History Month – Goldsboro Museum and Sanford Historic Trust have requested a tour for the facility. Looking for architecture of segregation, such as the colored dining room and the integration of the buildings in the 1950's.
- 669 total attendees of the museum for the month of December which is quite high.
- Little Red Schoolhouse is on February 23rd.
- Sheriff's Office may be able to donate generators for the Senator Exhibit

Society Report

- Orlando History Center Press Conference had members of the Society in reference to the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage
- First quarterly meeting we had Ben Wheeler as our speaker. The subject was Seminole County then and now. Had maps to display how the roads used to look
- Has a generator to keep artifacts taken care of in Senator Exhibit
- Buggy fundraising is coming to an end.
 - The grants we will receive will take monitoring and reports
 - We are in a really good position
 - Didn't get the Florida Humanities Grant because there wasn't enough Florida Content in the Buggy Exhibit.
 - One buggy is from Florida and the rest are from out of state.
 - Submitted for a grant from the DAR for the oldest buggy, but waiting to hear back
 - The Florida Legislature is deciding on the rest of the grants.

Subcommittee Reports

- None

Programming

- Black History Month
 - Community Tour at the Museum of Seminole County History.
 - Wanted to use the Geneva Museum as an example to follow

- From the Outhouse to the Little Red School House book review on Sunday February 23rd from 3PM-5PM

Historical Marker Subcommittee

- Historical Marker Book Survey
 - Decided that we should do an online survey so that the community can give comments on the museum.
 - Need to decide what 5 questions we are going to have
 - Do you know that we have historical markers in Seminole County?
 - How likely are you to use this information?
 - Would someone buy this book or app?
 - Each person bring a question to the next meeting or email them in.
 - Seminole County Schools buy the app for the students?

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Every January put election of officers on the agenda. Will be put on the February agenda.
- City of Oviedo in partnership with the Oviedo Citizen's in Action is presenting the Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration. The theme is we are all one humanity. This will be on January 20th. It will start at Oviedo High School and go to Round Lake Park
- February 18th the Oviedo Historical Society is having a program for Black History Month. We will have speakers and hopefully singers. This will be at 7:00PM at the Oviedo Women's Center

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM