MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY HISTORICAL COMMISSION April 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Carmen Bierman, Commissioner Lee Constantine, Rosalie Cook, Desta Horner, Eunice Mann, Beverly Mason, Cecil Tucker, Bob Turnage, and Paul Zuromski.

Members Absent: Carolyn Bistline, Donna Bundy, Robert Hughes, Ettie-Jane Keogh, Esther McKean, Jim Robison, and Imogene Yarborough.

Guests: Nathanial & Christine Watkins, Don Epps, Kim Nelson and Mart Tucker.

Staff Present: Bennett Lloyd and Kathi Clifford.

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

Call to Order: Vice Chair Mason called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in Chairman Bundy's absence. There is a quorum.

Opening Ceremonies:

• Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Mason asked the new guests to introduce themselves. Nathaniel and Christine Watkins introduced themselves and added that they are from the Winwood community. They were welcomed to the meeting.

Ms. Mason asked if there are any additions, corrections and/or deletions to the March meeting minutes. Commissioner Lee Constantine noted that he thought he is a member of the Historical Commission and the minutes reflect him as a guest. He was informed that he needed to ask to be a member. Comm. Constantine asked to be a member and his request was accepted. Other corrections reported were the spelling of some names in the minutes. Eunice Mann made a **motion** to approve the minutes as corrected. Cecil Tucker seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.

Museum Monthly Report

- Mr. Lloyd distributed and reviewed the Museum's March Monthly Report. There is currently a Civil War display out front. There will be a Jewish Heritage exhibit next month.
- A paranormal group will meet in June at the Museum and they have invited FOX News to attend in May to get interest up.
- June 27 July 3, 2016, is archeology based summer camp with workshops and historians.

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• Current focus after the exhibits is increasing social media presence and digitization of inventory.

Society Report

- Mr. Epps reported that the Carolyn Bistline History Scholarship will be presented to the awarded young lady on May 19th at 1:00 p.m.
- The carriage exhibit's potential location, Building 302, is still waiting for Information Services to find another location for the current contents. Ms. Mason brought to the attention of the Commission that the donor would like to see the proposed location for the exhibit. Comm. Constantine volunteered to ask the County Manager if the donor can see the proposed location for the exhibit. The County Manager's Office can contact Don Epps and/or Kim Nelson to make the arrangements.
- The next quarterly meeting will be on May 10th. The speaker, Christine Dalton, will speak about the architecture in Sanford.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Accession Subcommittee
 - Mr. Zuromski reported that he has been in touch with someone who has indicated they would like to donate a ceremonial Seminole Indian skirt. He wants to get more background information before a decision is made.
 - He met with Mr. Lloyd and toured the storage room. Mr. Lloyd promoting social media, getting collections organized and possible events. Mr. Lloyd suggested the possibility of a Seminole County Antiques Road Show. Comm. Constantine reported that there will be an authentic Antiques Road Show at the Orange County Convention Center on June 18th, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Mr. Zuromski really wants to go through the antique labels, find out how many there are, what they are and he asked for someone to volunteer to assist him. Mr. Lloyd had also suggested donating good quality examples of the labels to other museums.
- **Programming Subcommittee** Mr. Robison was not in attendance so there is nothing to report that has not already been covered.
- Historical Marker Subcommittee
 - Jamestown Historical Marker This is a marker located in front of a vacant African Methodist Episcopal Church around which there appeared to have been some land clearing. Questions were raised at the last meeting about the status of the marker at that location. Ms. Cook informed the Committee that she has reached out to area elders of the AME Church and is waiting for a call back with all the details.
 - Page Jackson Cemetery Marker Ms. Cook reported that she has met with some people and found out that the cemetery is not Page Jackson Cemetery rather the official name of the cemetery is The Odd Fellows Cemetery. Page Jackson was someone who volunteered to help keep the cemetery clean. Ms. Cook will be meeting again regarding this.
 - Ms. Cook distributed verbiage prepared by Mr. Lloyd for the proposed Historical Winwood and Rosenwald School markers. These were prepared after the Historical Winwood DRAFT verbiage dated December 8, 2015, that was

distributed with the meeting agenda. Much discussion ensued regarding the Historical Winwood verbiage. Commissioner Lee Constantine made a **motion** to approve Mr. Lloyd's version of the Historical Winwood verbiage subject to review of the verbiage to bring for final approval to the next meeting. Bob Turnage seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Adjournment: Ms. Mason requested a motion to adjourn. So moved and the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.