

## **Apopka Historical Society General Membership Meeting November 16,2008**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Louise Fortunato. Mayor Land gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the August general meeting were examined by the members and there was a change under "unfinished business" regarding Plexiglas barriers for exhibits. Nancy McClure has donated the money to pay for a bookcase to be built. The Plexiglas barriers were quoted at \$800. Louise asked Bob Morrow to do a sketch of how the barriers will look before asking the board to vote on the \$800 quote.

Treasurer's Report - All finances are in good shape.

### **New Business:**

Louise presented Jack Christmas with a gift certificate to the Roma Restaurant and awarded him the position of ex officio member of the board for his work as chairman of the Fireball Roberts Event, as well as for creating the column in the Apopka Chief each week using information from the Museum.

Annual Report - Louise gave the Annual Report of the Museum and each member was furnished a copy.

Membership - Pat Raub reported on the Mother's Day Tea, which was a great success. We had to borrow dishes for the tea. She has now acquired enough snack plates so this will no longer be necessary. She said there is a need for some younger volunteers to help with this event. This committee is constantly working on ways to increase membership.

Education - Millie McBee reported several tours scheduled from the local elementary schools. It is hoped that other schools will contact the museum about a tour.

Historic Preservation - Angela reported that the Piedmont Marker has arrived and will be installed in a little park near Walmart .. The City will help maintain the area. The actual dedication will be January 22, 2009. Belle Gilliam said she would like to have John Anderson (the singer) or a member of his family present at the dedication. Angela read to the group the information that is printed on the marker.

Video - The Museum video was playing as the members arrived. It was felt that it is very good and a copy of it is to be furnished to each of the schools in the area.

Fireball Roberts Event - While this event went over beautifully, the attendance was just not great enough. We lost approximately \$1,700.

Festival of Trees - Dates are November 30 - December 7. Plans for this event are going well.

In House Financial Review - This review or audit had been completed and the records were found to be very much in order. The report is forthcoming according to Nancy McClure.

Martha - Martha was called back to work with the City, leaving the Museum without an employee. It is currently being manned with volunteers. It is hoped we will again have someone soon.

Bookcase: The Woman's Club has set aside \$1500 in their budget to have bookcases built for the museum.

Plexiglas Barriers for Exhibits - The Museum has received an estimate of approximately \$800 from Bob Morrow to build these. The Woman's Club has donated \$1800 toward this project.

Brass Plates for Sponsorships - Louise informed the members that sponsorships of \$500 or more, both cash and in-kind, will be put on brass plates and placed on the sponsorship board.

Docent Training Program - Ann Hlinak would like to start training volunteers for this.

Election of Officers: The following slate of officers for 2009 was presented to the membership - Larry Leudenburg, President; Ray McLeod, Vice-President, Jack Douglas, Treasurer, Faye Odom, Secretary. Directors are: Joyce Brocker, Betty Ann Huntsman, Francina Boykin. Angela Nicols is curator and Mary Elizabeth Wheeler the librarian. John Anderson made a motion, seconded by Belle, that we accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion carried. These people were congratulated on their selection. The Nominating Committee was comprised of Millie McBee, Chairman, Jean Juckette and Angela Nicols committee. Millie suggested that the chairmen of the various committees also be voting members of the board.

At 2:45 p.m. Louise turned the meeting over to Tom Staley, who spoke on the history of the Zellwood Drainage District and Farm Lands. Mr. Billy Long attended with Mr. Staley. The two of them gave a most interesting talk on the history of muck farming, which covered more than 2,000 acres of land.

The meeting dismissed at 3:25 p.m. for refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Odom, Acting Secretary.