

MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes
July 08, 2024

The meeting of the Marion County Historical Commission was called to order by President Dr. Richard Cardinali at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 08, 2024 at the Marion County Growth Services Building, 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34471.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Cardinali.

Roll Call – Commission Members present included Dr. Richard Cardinali, Judy Delk, Courtland Richards, Becky Long, Tom Schmitz, and Cynthia Wilson-Graham. A quorum was established.

GUEST: Bill Nicoll.

Minutes:

The June 10, 2024 minutes were presented. Courtland Richards moved, Tom Schmitz seconded, to approve the minutes as presented, and all were in favor.,

Financial Report: Motion by Dr. Cardinali, seconded by Mr. Schmitz, and all approved

Old Business:

Dr. Cardinali, Mrs. Wilson-Graham and Mrs. Delk attended and participated in the June 20, 2024 9:00 am unveiling of the marker for the McPherson School. A number of County employees, GFWC Woman's Club of Ocala attended, as well as a few members of the museum and public. Dr. Cardinali emceed. Programs handed out to guests including background information about the school. The relatives of former house mothers at the school unveiled the marker. Mary Crews Johnson, in honor of her mother Marguerite Cooper Crews; and George Albright in honor of his great-grandmother Mary Evelyn Martin. Reception followed at the museum.

Mrs. Delk reports the July Reddick museum branch program is 07/22 at 10 a.m. and presented by Annabelle Leitner.

The July program for the museum is Dr. Joe Knetsch on Flight in Florida, and famous aviators who were active in Florida.

Mr. Richards and Mrs. Wilson-Graham report on the filming of Capt. Oscar Collins, former Silver Springs boat captain. There is approximately ten minutes of video footage once edited. Mr. Richards will be contacting Delee Perry and MarthaLynne Allen for future filming of historic videos.

Mr. Schmitz will, again, try to get a copy of the Mr. Doug Oswald video, since the application used to transmit it thus far has been unsuccessful.

Mrs. Long updated on the efforts to continue toward a Roosevelt Village marker. The area is in the district of Commissioner Kathy Bryant.

Mrs. Wilson-Graham updated on efforts for an Emerson School marker. The site being in Ocala city limits requires further inquiry.

Dr. Cardinali has continued to pursue the issue of the preservation of the Star-Banner archived newspapers. Brad Rogers and Michelle Stone are aware of the need. He has provided phone number of a University of Florida employee, his daughter, to Jennifer Clark for possible assistance by the UF library. Hopefully discussion of digitalizing and storage at the library, HOPS, etc will be possible.

Mrs. Wilson-Graham discussed the possibility of the logo T-shirts for commission members. A potential vendor, Maryann's, will need a vector for the T-shirt to print them.

There being no further business to conduct, President Cardinali reminded us of the next meeting August 12, 2024.

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Judy Delk, Secretary



Signed,



Dr. Richard Cardinali, President