



Clay County Historic Preservation Board

April 21, 2015

Present: Cynthia Cheatwood, Gayward Hendry, Cynthia Stone, Jerry Casale, Julia Cramer, Marilyn Haddock, Angela Williamson
Absent-Pat Mueller, Carolyn Morgan, William Randall

Meeting called to order 6:05 PM.

The March minutes were distributed for review. A correction was suggested and noted. Corrected minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

The board discussed bylaws. Haddock will check with Ann Mitchell to get copies of the board's bylaws.

Cramer explained that the budget is being sent to Angela Goodermote for approval. The board reviewed it and approved it for submission for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Cramer said that a nominating committee was being formed. Her one-year term is coming to an end. She explained the process to new members. Volunteers were solicited. Williamson, Stone and Hendry volunteered. They set a meeting for 5:30 PM, Tuesday, May 12th at McDonalds in Doctor's Inlet. A slate of officers will be suggested on May 19th. Election will be June 16th.

The Hibernia marker was discussed. Cramer and Morgan visited the Hibernia chapel to decide a location of a state historical marker. No decision for text has been made but the sign will be placed at the chapel site.

Hendry will be pursuing the research for Lee Field.

Sat., May 23rd ceremony will be held (10AM) for the Geiger marker. Family members were invited but will not likely be available to attend. Geiger's grandson will be approached. The ceremony will start inside the old sanctuary with speakers, a group of singers from Middleburg High. From there the group will move outside for unveiling and photos. Stone suggested approaching Publix to donate items as refreshments. Commanding officers of the Marine commands will send representatives. Scott Westerfeld will do the key note address. Hendry is preparing a flier and program for the event. Sheriff's bagpipers will be there. Pastor Lewis from the Middleburg Baptist Church will do the invocation. All county elected officials plus Carolyn Morgan will be invited to attend. Cheatwood and others will assist with invitation lists for the public.

Haddock sent a revision sheet for the board's roster to Ann Mitchell. A corrected copy will be forthcoming. She had to leave to attend the Green Cove Springs city meeting and was excused at 6:55 PM.

Casale brought discussion to the procedures for deciding the language to be on historical signage. He is concerned that the historical content needs more examination than he has witnessed at recent board meetings. He resolved that the board give more air to alternative language. Hendry explained the system that has been used in board meetings for years. A policy is suggested that submits narratives to the board as a whole for discussion. If there are discrepancies over the language or content the text will be submitted to an impartial third party to interpret and mediate the differences. Alternative resources may be included in the decision-making.

Casale also suggested that the local historical groups should participate in more expanded historical events, giving more of a public face for our local history. He shared a historical reenactment of Seminole War history to be held in August and encouraged Clay groups participating.

Stone and Casale discussed research for Ross in the Seminole War, in efforts to get a marker for him at Ft. Heileman. Stone is applying for a grant for Buddington House.

Stone reported that May 30th will be the memorial service for Ft. Heileman's Seminole War army personnel. She asked Casale to be the keynote speaker. The ceremony will be held at the Budington House at 10 AM.

Cramer reminded the board that we should inquire about matching grants for historical markers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.