

In Attendance:**Officers**

Dr. Frank Cassell, Chair
Dorothy Korwek, Treasurer
Laura Dean, Secretary

Representatives

Rob Bendus, Joe Blais, Becky Esmus,
Cathy Hollar, Betty Intagliata, Caroline
Redlin, Howard Rosenthal,
Dr. Clifford Smith

Treasury Report:

Previous Balance 1/31/2016 \$1,015.70

Income	0.00
Expenses	0.00
	\$0.00

Balance 9/6/2016 \$1,015.70

Outstanding Dues:

Englewood Area Historical Museum
Sarasota County History Center
Women's Club of Sarasota

**Becky Esmus motioned to accept the report,
2nd by Betty Intagliata. Vote approved report.*

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Approved as written by Dorothy Korwek and Frank Cassell due to the Secretary being unable to attend the June meeting. Secretary Dean thanked them for taking on that task.

Secretary's Report

Secretary, Laura Dean asks that organizations be sure to include her in emails of newsletters and program announcements so she may publicize them on the Coalition website as well as the Coalition's Facebook page. Please add to your mailing lists:
laura@runjikproductions.com

The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm by Chair Cassell.



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HISTORY & PRESERVATION COALITION OF SARASOTA COUNTY

LOCATION: HISTORIC SPANISH POINT

Chair's Report:

Chair Dr. Frank Cassell welcomed the group back from the summer break. He reminded everyone that the Coalition board had continued behind the scenes working on agendas and special items for the coming meeting season. Most importantly, the Heritage Awards.

Old Business:

Dorothy Korwek presented a report on the status of the Sarasota County Heritage Awards. To date, there is only one official submission. Three more have been mentioned to be in progress. The deadline is October 15.

The four award categories are:

Historical Research - Outstanding contributions through research and publication to increase knowledge of Sarasota County's past.

Historic Preservation - Outstanding efforts to preserve historical sites and/or effective advocacy of historical preservation efforts in the county.

Archaeological Conservancy - Outstanding efforts to preserve and document prehistoric sites and/or effective advocacy of archaeological conservation.

Public Education - Outstanding programs or individual efforts to inform the public about Sarasota County's history and its significance.

Nominations may be made using the form provided with these minutes. Please bring this up at your September general meetings or board meetings and consider making a nomination. You may nominate a person, project, or organization in each category.

The Heritage Awards Committee has already begun pre-discussions regarding the date and location of the awards luncheon. A Saturday in mid to late January or early February is the goal, but much depends on the venue. (There will be a luncheon regardless of whether the Heritage Awards will be given out for the 2016 year.) Chair Cassell thanked Ruthmary Williams for agreeing to chair the luncheon.

New Business:

GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Wendy Deming, Chief of Staff/Corporate Secretary, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, spoke to the meeting about the various services GCCF offers nonprofits. One of the newest and most impressive tools is the “Invest In Incredible”(I3) initiative to help nonprofits strengthen their operational effectiveness and board governance. Professional consultants and technical assistance are available with fees that are 50/50 split through I3. To learn more about this program visit <https://www.gulfcoastcf.org/nonprofit-partners/invest-incredible>. Ms. Deming also talked about upcoming free seminars and provided informative handouts about nonprofit boards, their responsibilities, various positions, and legal obligations. (Coalition Secretary, Laura Dean, has copies of the handouts, so contact her if you would like them mailed to you.)

Robert Bendus, Sarasota County Historical Resources Manager reported on recent concerns regarding the Three Graces Fountain, a public art installation and wayfinding monument, located in North Port along US 41 and Ortiz Boulevard. A meeting of Sarasota County Commission was held on September 6. The sculpture was an agenda item. Three Graces Fountain was created by artist Sophie Johnstone in 1958 at the request of Sam Heron, former owner of Warm Mineral Springs. However, today there exists no documents of ownership of the fountain. A review by Historical Resources and FDOT determined that the land it sits on is actually county land.



The item was removed from the agenda of the Commission meeting so that further discussion in detail regarding the Three Graces Fountain can be had at a joint meeting of the County Commission and the City Commission of North Port to be held on Monday, September 12 at the North Port City Commission chambers at 1:00pm.

Warm Mineral Spring/Little Salt Spring Archaeological Society has generously volunteered to “adopt” it and help with restoration of the fountain and sculpture in its historic location. The question of where the fountain will remain is to be determined. If possible, keeping it where it is seems to be the ideal, however, moving it to the Warm Mineral Springs property is an option up for discussion at the September 12 meeting. Mr. Bendus will report on the outcome, if any, at the October 4 Coalition meeting.

Member Spotlight

Dorothy Korwek spoke about **Venice Heritage, Inc.** and their fall and winter programs.

- Take a walk on the ghostly side with writer Kim Cool during the Venice Ghost Walk on October 26 & 27 at 4:30pm & 5:30pm. It's only \$15 per person with proceeds to benefit VHI. Meet at Downtown Gazebo in Centennial Park. No advanced tickets needed, but limited to 15 people per tour, so arrive early.
- The annual Holiday Tea will take place on January 8, 2017 at 3:00pm at the castle-like home of Jean Trammell. Make a reservation for this unique experience which is traditional high tea served surrounded by the elegant décor of Jean's holiday decorated house. Cost is \$60 per person. Call 941-237-0478 for information.



Preservation work continues at Lord-Higel House. The doors are being fabricated by a master carpenter and should be installed this fall. VHI is waiting to hear about their application for a \$50,000 Selby Foundation grant. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that the project is awarded this grant, but donations are still needed toward the project. Visit www.veniceheritage.com/lordhigelhouse to learn about the house and how you can donate.

Howard Rosenthal reported about the upcoming events of the **Historical Society of Sarasota County**.

- Coming up first is an event at Pioneer Park to celebrate Giving Challenge 2016, the fundraising initiative sponsored by Community Foundation of Sarasota County with giving strengthened by The Patterson Foundation, as well as support from Manatee Community Foundation, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, William G. and Marie Selby Foundation, and the Herald-Tribune Media Group. This special September 20 event is in partnership with Guitar Sarasota and will take place from 4:00-7:00pm. The “Ring the Bell” party is a chance to enjoy the grounds and historic buildings of Pioneer Park, AND donate to HSSC through Giving Challenge 2016. Live music, light refreshments, and craft demonstrations, too. The best part is the chance to ring the newly donated “old church bell”. Learn more at <https://hsosc.com/2016/09/05/join-us-at-our-ring-the-bell-party/>



- Lynn Harding and Marsha Fottler have put together another great line-up of topics and guests for Conversations at the Crocker. The first one of the season is on Tuesday, October 11. There will be a welcome back reception for members only from 5:30-6:30pm. The conversation begins at 7:00pm. The topic is “Newtown Alive – An Illustrated History of Sarasota’s African American Heritage” with Vickie Oldham and John McCarthy. As always, this program is free to members and just \$10 to non-members.

Upcoming Programs and Special Announcements:

- **Venice Area Historical Society** theme for the 2016-2017 season is *From Civil War to Civil Rights 1865-1965*. The first in the lecture series is on October 18 at 7:00pm. Topic: President Andrew Jackson’s impeachment by presenter David Tschanz, Ph.D.
- **Friends of Sarasota County History Center** will hold a series of lectures in the meeting room at Historic Chidsey Library Building. Up first, on October 15 at 11:00am, is Judie Bauer talking about The Underground Railroad. Mark your calendars for noted architect, Charles Warren speaking about “John Nolen: The Cities of Sarasota and Venice” on November 17 at 7:00pm in the auditorium of Sarasota Garden Club.
- **Historic Spanish Point** invites you to a Victorian Funeral on Friday, October 28. This historical re-enactment educates about the grieving customs of the Victorian era. It’s spooky and surprisingly popular, so make reservations as the seating in Mary’s Chapel is limited. Wear your best “funeral black” attire and attend a program to talk about throughout the fall season. Cost is \$15 per non-member/ \$8 per member. Call Kara at 941-966-5214 x2600.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROGRAM INFORMATION TO SECRETARY, LAURA DEAN, FOR INCLUSION IN MINUTES AND ON THE COALITION FACEBOOK PAGE.

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Meeting Adjourned: 5:55 PM

Next Business Meeting: October 4, 2016 4:00PM at HISTORIC SPANISH POINT

SUPPORT COALITION MEMBERS DURING GIVING CHALLENGE 2016

Friends of the Englewood Archives, Friends of Little Salt Spring, Friends of Sarasota County History Center, Historic Spanish Point, Historical Society of Sarasota County, Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation, and Venice Heritage, Inc.. (Note: Venice Area Historical Society can be looked up for donations under the name Venice Historic Preservation League.)
