

**In Attendance:****Officers**

Dr. Frank Cassell, Chair  
 Betty Nugent, Vice-Chair  
 Dorothy Korwek, Treasurer  
 Laura Dean, Secretary

**Representatives**

Don Bayley, Rob Bendus, Becky Esmus,  
 Marsha Fottler, Cathy Hollar, Betty Intagliata,  
 Barbara Sharpe, Rod Smith,  
 Dr. Cliff Smith, Ruthmary Williams

**Treasury Report:**

Previous Balance 10/3/2017 \$1,380.28

<b>Income (dues)</b>	180.00
<b>Expenses (website hosting)</b>	166.80
	<b>\$1,380.28</b>

**Balance 11/7/2017** \$1,393.48

*\*Report Approved*

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

*\*Approved as written*

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary, Laura Dean asks for all organizations 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](mailto:laura@runjikproductions.com)

The meeting was called to order at 4:04pm by Chair Cassell.



*Gulfstream Drive/Avenue and the Belle Haven Hotel circa 1900-1915.*



*Sarasota, Florida. Stinger of Belle Haven Sea and Sarasota Bay.*

TOGETHER FOR OUR SHARED PAST

# HPCSC

HISTORY & PRESERVATION COALITION OF SARASOTA COUNTY

LOCATION: HISTORIC SPANISH POINT

**Chair's Report:**

Chair Dr. Frank Cassell reminded the assembled that there will be NO MEETING IN DECEMBER, and he wished everyone in the Coalition a wonderful and safe holiday season. He asked that each member organization make a goal of submitting a nomination for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sarasota County Heritage Awards. The categories were detailed in last month's minutes, and are available on our website. A submission form can be downloaded there as well. The awards committee hopes to begin receiving nominations by the end of the year. Nominations forms are available for download at [www.historicpreservationsarasota.org](http://www.historicpreservationsarasota.org) and may be emailed to [scheritageawards@gmail.com](mailto:scheritageawards@gmail.com) or by mail to History & Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County, P.O. Box 895, Venice, FL 34284-0895.

**Old Business:**

1. The 100th anniversary of Sarasota County is coming up on July 1, 2021, and Robert Bendus, Director of Sarasota County Historical Resources, presented a draft of the county-wide celebration plan proposal. (He will provide the HPC Secretary with a digital copy for distribution and further review.) Goals of the project and centennial year include; boosting heritage tourism, economic development and impact on Sarasota communities, and an educational opportunity to create new awareness that the creation of Sarasota County had historic impact on this region and Florida.

A steering committee needs to be formed as soon as possible in order to address and make suggestions for **programs and events, marketing, branding, fundraising, logistics, private/corporate partnerships, and educational advances**. Mr. Bendus asks the reps of the Coalition to consider volunteering themselves and/or organization members. Please speak with your respective boards and membership about this opportunity and need, as the formation of a strong committee is one of the first and most important steps in starting the countdown to the event year.

The ultimate benefits of the 2021 celebration year could have positive impacts for many years afterward. State and national exposure and sense of civic pride, should lead to economic rewards as well as a lasting recognition throughout the state and the country of the unique story of one of the nation's most diverse and interesting places to live. Please consider volunteering your time and ideas.

Call Rob at 941-861-6090 or email [rbendus@scgov.net](mailto:rbendus@scgov.net) with questions. As more details become available, HPC secretary, Laura Dean, will share them with member reps.

## Old Business:

2. Rob Bendus also discussed the on-going process for repairing the damage of the Historical Resources building that happened as a result of a rainy summer and Hurricane Irma. Remediation of molds and other airborne contaminants from the long-term water intrusion will need to be undertaken. Efforts continue to find alternative locations for the archival collections and offices. The facility is closed to the public, so if you know specific research or archival material needed for a project, you may contact the staff for access.

3. Work continues on the plans for a Sarasota County History Center/Museum by members of the Sarasota County Historical Commission and others appointed by the County Commission. This involves some fundraising and logistical research as well as considerations for locations and either new construction or use of existing buildings. It is likely that a dedicated 501c3 will be formed to work in collaboration with the county on managing the museum. Stay tuned for more updates as they become available.

## New Business:



### A Winter Special Field Trip

You AND ANY OF YOUR ORGANIZATION MEMBERS are invited to a fantastic old Florida adventure at the **Crowley Museum & Nature Center on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 10am**. Gather up a carpool and pack a picnic lunch. Wear shoes for walking their amazing nature trails and boardwalks. Bring a camera to capture the majestic east county scenery. Learn about Sarasota and Myakka pioneer life. Cost is just \$10 per person. Visit <https://crowleyfl.org/> to learn more about this awesome place, and get directions.

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## Upcoming Programs and Special Announcements: (by those present or from emails)

**Historic Spanish Point** offers an archaeology presentation on November 9 (5-7pm) Dr. Anthony Andrews "Mayan Archaeology". Reservations are required by calling 941-966-5214 Cost is \$10 (per member) or \$15 (per non-member). Holiday lights are up, and on THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS from November 24-December 30 (excluding 12/28) the museum will stay open until 9pm with refreshments for sale and musical entertainment. Regular admission rates apply. See [www.historicspanishpoint.org](http://www.historicspanishpoint.org) for performance schedule and more information.

**Daughters of the American Revolution, Sara De Soto Chapter's** November 18th presentation is "Salem Witch Craze in 1692" by Bernadette Roback (FSSDAR State Speaker Staff) and Cherry Walker, the Honorary Past Regent of Pithlochaskotee Chapter. Public is welcome to these FREE presentations at 11:30am on Saturdays at the Chapter House, 1232 12<sup>th</sup> Street, downtown Sarasota.

**Englewood Area Historical Museum's** 2nd Annual HONORING OUR VETERANS event will be on Friday November 10th at 1pm. Guest speaker is Retired Army Col. John "Jack" McDermott. EAH Museum is still celebrating the 50th Birthday of Vietnam. All Vietnam Veterans in attendance will receive a 'gold commemorative pin'. Light refreshments will be served. More information call 941-208-5942 or email [eahmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:eahmuseum@gmail.com), website: [www.eahmuseum.org](http://www.eahmuseum.org)

**Friends of the Sarasota County History Center** will hold their second annual **Holiday Fair** on December 9 noon-5pm. Check their website, [www.foschc.org](http://www.foschc.org) for details. The Jack West exhibit is on display through February at the Historical Exhibits & Education Center open 11:30am-4pm Thursday-Saturday.

**Venice Area Historical Society** offers a fall program on November 14 at 7pm and it will be a living history presentation by Sandy Chase, "An Evening with Mable Ringling". It is FREE and open to the public at Mark Manor, Venice on the Isle, 920 Tamiami Trail South in Venice. For more details and updates on other programs and preservation projects, visit <http://www.veniceareahistoricalsociety.org/>

**Venice Heritage, Inc.** sets the holiday mood on Saturday, December 9 with a family event. Join VHI at the Lord-Higel House for “Children’s Santa Letter” a writing and storytelling program. It’s FREE and starts at 9am. Tickets are on sale now for the annual Holiday Tea on Sunday, January 7, 2018, 2pm at Trammell Castle Tickets may be purchased at [www.veniceheritage.org](http://www.veniceheritage.org) Proceeds benefit the Lord-Higel House.

**Historical Society of Sarasota County’s** *Conversations at the Crocker* takes place on Tuesday, November 14 starting at 7pm at the historic Crocker Memorial Church at 1260 12th Street (Pioneer Park). The topic is “Sarasota's Rosemary Cemetery: What did this burial ground mean to early Sarasota settlers and what does it mean to preservationists today?” by author and historian Jeff LaHurd. The program is free to Historical Society members and \$10 at the door for guests. The Crocker Memorial Church (1901) is located in Pioneer Park, 1260 12th Street, one block in from the North Tamiami Trail at 12th Street.

**Friends of Little Salt Spring** asks for your assistance. North Port City Staff will make a request to City Commissioners at the next commission meeting to approve the hiring of a Wildlife Crossing Consultant in order to ensure the best possible outcome for the many animals impacted by the proposed North Port Natural Wildlife Corridor. The commission meeting is on Monday, November 13, at 1pm at City Hall. All interested parties are encouraged to attend to show support for the project. You do NOT have to be a City of North Port resident in order to express your opinion. Learn more about the project and how you can help at <http://www.friendsoflittlesaltspring.com/>

**Lemon Bay Historical Society** is pleased to announce that plans are approved for the moving of the Historic Green Street Church to a new location next to the Lemon Bay Cemetery. Fundraising is underway. You can make a donation at [www.lemonbayhistory.com](http://www.lemonbayhistory.com) or by check mailed to Lemon Bay Historical Society, P.O. Box 1245, Englewood, FL 34295

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**Meeting Adjourned: 5:55 PM**

**Next Business Meeting: January 2, 2018 at Historic Spanish Point**

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