

In Attendance:

Officers

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

Representatives

Beck Esmus, Cathy Hollar, Harry Klinhamer,
Steve Koski, Barbara Smith,
Dr. Cliff Smith, Ruthmary Williams

Treasury Report:

Previous Balance 4/3/2017 \$1,380.28

Income	0.00
Expenses	0.00
	\$1,380.28

Balance 10/3/2017 \$1,380.28

**Report Approved*

Previous Meeting Minutes:

**Approved as written*

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.



The Sarasota County Courthouse

MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 3, 2017

TOGETHER FOR OUR SHARED PAST

HPCSC
HISTORY & PRESERVATION COALITION OF SARASOTA COUNTY

LOCATION: HISTORIC SPANISH POINT

Chair's Report:

Chair Dr. Frank Cassell thanked Suzanne Gregory of the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast for giving a tour of the historic Burrows-Matson House at Bay Preserve prior to the business meeting. The group saw the house, and an exclusive exhibit of the paintings of Theodore Morris, known for his portrayals of Florida's early Native Americans.

Frank welcomed everyone and apologized on behalf of the board for the inability to communicate about the cancellation of the September meeting due to Hurricane Irma. He was stuck in Philadelphia due to flight issues, and Secretary Laura Dean was without power for more than a week, so was unable to let folks know the September 12 meeting was cancelled. Chair Cassell hopes that our Coalition members did not suffer damage from the storms.

Old Business:

The 100th anniversary of Sarasota County is coming up on July 1, 2021, and Robert Bendus, Director of Sarasota County Historical Resources, has stated that he is planning a committee to work on organizing county-wide celebration events and activities. Coalition Chair, Frank Cassell has written a book about the process of becoming a county, and has also sent correspondence regarding the importance of a celebration year to the Sarasota County Commission. It is hoped that the History & Preservation Coalition be at the forefront of organizing and promoting this momentous anniversary year. Stay tuned for more developments.

SARASOTA COUNTY HERITAGE AWARDS: The nominations are open for the 2017 awards.

All nomination materials must be submitted by email or regular mail by January 15, 2018. Award recipients will be notified on or after February 15, 2018. Awardees will be announced publicly in March, and the Awards Ceremony Luncheon will be held April 7, 2018 at the Venice Golf and Country Club.

The 2017 Award Categories are:

- 1. Archaeological Conservancy Award** – Recognizes outstanding efforts to preserve and document prehistorical sites and/or effective advocacy of archaeological conservation
- 2. Historical Research Award** - Awarded for outstanding contributions through research and publication to increase knowledge of Sarasota County's past.

3. Lillian Burns Individual Achievement Award – Conferred upon an individual who has made profound contributions to the history and preservation movement in Sarasota County. Contributions may include scholarly research and publication, education, museology, history and preservation organizational leadership, and public advocacy for history and preservation. The Awards Committee will be most impressed with nominations that document sustained excellence and high achievement.

4. Organizational Achievement Award – Presented to a Sarasota County historical or preservation organization for outstanding success in historical preservation, historical education, and/or support of historical research. The Awards Committee welcomes nominations of organizations that have successfully completed a project or a series of projects that have had a significant impact on preserving and understanding Sarasota County's history.

5. Historical Collections Preservation Award – Recognizes outstanding work in preserving, describing, and providing public access to historical collections located within Sarasota County. The award will be given to individuals or organizations that demonstrate the use of best practices in the field of archival management.

6. Historic Structure Preservation Award- Recognizes and celebrates the best preservation projects in Sarasota County. Nominated projects must have been completed within the last five years of the submission deadline. Nominations are judged for their success in preservation, rehabilitation, and/or restoration of our architectural heritage in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior standards as well as the impact of the project on the community.

7. Student Scholar Award - Promotes and recognizes excellence in student contributions to the field of history, archaeology, or preservation. Contributions should focus on Sarasota County history and can be in the form of a research paper, exhibit, website, or documentary. Nominations are open to juniors and seniors in high school and freshmen and sophomore college students.

Nominators must select one of the categories. However, the committee may move the nomination to another category if the members believe it to be more appropriate. Nominations forms are available for download at www.historicpreservationsarasota.org and may be emailed to scheritageawards@gmail.com or by mail to History & Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County, P.O. Box 895, Venice, FL 34284-0895.

New Business:

- The Sarasota County Historical Resources Palmer Ave. building suffered damage during Hurricane Irma which added to a long-term water/humidity encroachment problem in some areas of the building. This caused the building to be closed for some time and on-going assessment of the damage is being done to determine the best way to remediate and repair. We hope to have more details and news at the November 7 Coalition meeting.
- A nominating committee needs to be formed to nominate Coalition representatives for the role of Chair and Vice Chair for 2018. Due to our By-Laws' term limits, both the Chair and Vice Chair have reached the limit for service and therefore a new set needs to be elected. Current Vice Chair, Betty Nugent, has volunteered to head the nominating committee, and needs others to help her make calls and discuss the two positions that need filled. The Chair runs the business meetings and the Vice Chair serves as a back-up. They, along with the Treasurer and Secretary form the executive board. The board meets approximately once per month to discuss Coalition business, and set the agendas. They also oversee the Heritage Awards. Current Chair, Frank Cassell will remain as head of the awards committee until after the awards luncheon, but a new Chair will need to be elected at the February 2018 Annual Coalition Meeting. If you are interested in serving in either position, PLEASE call Betty Nugent at 941- 475-2696, or email info@historicpreservationsarasota.org

Upcoming Programs and Special Announcements: (by those present)

- **Historic Spanish Point** offers archaeology presentations on October 14 (4-6pm) by FPAN's Rebecca O'Sullivan "Tracing the First Floridians, the Paleoindians" and 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).

- **Daughters of the American Revolution, Sara De Soto Chapter** welcome “Bertha Palmer” (presented by Kate Holmes) on October 21, and on November 18, the 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 12th Street, downtown Sarasota.
- **Venice Museum and Archives** opened its new and permanent exhibition, “Venice’s Inhabitants: The Unique Cultural Heritage of the Land on the Gulf” on October 2 with a reception event to take place later on in October. The museum has also welcomed a new curator and director over the summer. Harry Klinkhamer is the Historical Resources Manager for the City of Venice, and Jon Watson is the Curator and Collections Manager. The Coalition welcomes them both to our organization. Learn more about both men and the museum’s exhibits at www.venicemuseum.org
- **Friends of the Sarasota County History Center** will open a Jack West exhibit on October 6, and will present a series of talks and walks led by Jim Clubb. They will hold their second annual Holiday Fair on December 9 noon-5pm. Check their website, www.foschc.org for details.
- **Venice Area Historical Society** offers two fall programs related to Venice history. The first is on October 17 at 7pm and features Dorothy Korwek talking about the “John Nolen Plan for Venice” and the next is on November 14 at 7pm and will be a living history presentation by Sandy Chase, “An Evening with Mable Ringling”. Both programs are FREE and open to the public at Mark Manor, Venice on the Isle, 920 Tamiami Trail South in Venice. Visit <http://www.veniceareahistoricalociety.org/> for more details and updates on other programs and preservation projects.
- **Venice Heritage, Inc.** is selling tickets (at Collectors Gallery & Framery) for a historic trolley tour of Nokomis on Saturday, October 28 at 11am and at 1pm. On Saturday, December 9, join VHI at the Lord-Higel House for a special holiday event, “Children’s Santa Letter” a writing and storytelling program. It’s FREE and starts at 9am. *Proceeds benefit the Lord-Higel House.* Learn about more exciting activities at www.veniceheritage.org
- **Warm Mineral Springs/Little Salt Spring Archaeological Society** has a fabulous presentation speaker planned for October 10. Kathy Gerace will talk about “Where did Columbus Land in 1492”. On Saturday, October 21, WMSLSSAS will host a table at the local celebration of International Archaeology Day from 10am-2pm at Bayshore Park on Charlotte Harbor. The event will be in partnership with Florida Public Archaeology Network, Charlotte County, and the Charlotte County History Center.
- **Southwest Historical Organization of Resources and Education** will participate in the fun activities at the annual Buchan Airport Fly-In on Saturday, October 14 from 9am-noon.

Upcoming Programs and Special Announcements: (by those not present but via email)

- **Lemon Bay Historical Society’s** October 24 program is “Secrets of the Cemetery.” Just in time for Halloween, Charlie Bush, past President of LBHS and one-time custodian of the Historic Lemon Bay Cemetery will share some little-known information about this historic burial ground. He also promises to relate some interesting, if not completely believable, experiences he and others have reported regarding a few of our local “ghosts.” Many early Englewood pioneers are laid to rest at this cemetery which was established on top of a rare sand ridge. Meet at the 7pm at the Historic Green St. Church Museum.
- **Historical Society of Sarasota County’s** *Conversations at the Crocker* takes place on Tuesday, October 10 starting at 7pm at the historic Crocker Memorial Church at 1260 12th Street (Pioneer Park). The topic is “Sarasota Waters - Changes in our Lifetimes” and leading the Conversation is John Ryan, a water expert and founding member of *Sarasota Bay Watch*. This important interactive community conversation (with PowerPoint presentation) is free to Historical Society members and students and \$10 for guests at the door. Joining Ryan for in this timely conversation about Sarasota’s waterways and how they’ve changed are Rodney Potter and Rob Wright.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:35 PM

Next Business Meeting: November 7, 2017 at Historic Spanish Point
