

In Attendance:

Officers

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

Representatives

Becky Esmus, Betty Intagliata, Steve Koski,
John McCarthy, Lawry Reid,
Dr. Clifford Smith, Ruthmary Williams

Treasury Report:

Previous Balance 11/7/2017	\$1,393.48
Income (dues)	\$120.00
Expenses (none)	\$0.00
	\$1,533.48
Balance 1/2/2018	\$1,533.48

*Report Approved

Previous Meeting Minutes:

*Approved as written

Secretary's Report

Nothing new to 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

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



Ringling Shopping Center 1950s



Aerial view of Ringling Shopping Center 1950s

MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 2, 2018

TOGETHER FOR OUR SHARED PAST

HPCsc

HISTORY & PRESERVATION COALITION OF SARASOTA COUNTY

LOCATION: HISTORIC SPANISH POINT

Chair's Report:

Chair Dr. Frank Cassell wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Coalition members for a great 2017. He reminded us that his term as Chair will be ending at the February HPCsc Annual Meeting, and remarked at how impressed he has been with the Coalition and its member organizations. It is very reassuring to have so many active preservation groups throughout the county, and he hopes we continue to all work together for the future.

Old Business:

1. Nominations are coming in for the **2nd Annual Sarasota County Heritage Awards**. Due to Hurricane Irma putting many people behind schedule, we have extended the deadline for nominations from January 15 to January 31, 2018.

The categories were detailed in last fall's minutes, and are available on our website. A submission form can be downloaded there as well, www.historicpreservationsarasota.org. Nominations 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.

Recipients will be notified on or after February 15, 2018. Awardees will be announced publicly in March, and the Awards Ceremony Luncheon is on **April 7, 2018 at the Venice Golf and Country Club**. The luncheon cost is \$45 per person, and includes a three course lunch with basic drinks and a credit card bar. **Please mail a check to the address listed above to register. Deadline for reservations is March 30, 2018.**

2. Historical Resources (the History Center) water damage and storm damage update courtesy of Steve Koski, County Archaeologist. Repairs to the building have been completed, and they are returning to normal operating hours. Steve added that in the month of December, the staff was able to assist 32 researchers, and that updates are being made to the collections policies and donation procedures.
3. Updates on the County Centennial Celebration and County History Museum were unavailable due to Historical Resources Director being out of town for the holidays. We hope to get information at the February meeting.

4. The January 20 field trip to Crowley Museum & Nature Center has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts and not enough people signing up to attend. Another field trip to Crowley or a different location is being planned for March.
5. ELECTION OF 2018 OFFICERS: The February 6, 2018 Coalition business meeting is our Annual Meeting and time to elect new officers. The nominating committee as proposed the following slate; Chair Dr. Clifford Smith, Vice-Chair Dr. Frank Cassell, Treasurer Dorothy Korwek, Secretary Laura Dean. Please make plans to attend this annual meeting.

New Business:

LETTERS OF SUPPORT NEEDED

Friends of Little Salt Spring asks ALL COALITION MEMBERS to please write a support letter expressing support for the organization and the upcoming conference in Miami devoted to Little Salt Spring. Address it to University of Miami President, Julio Frenk, and send the digital copy to FOLSS President, Lawry Reid, at friendsoflittlesaltspring@gmail.com by February 1, 2018. Mr. Reid will also send a copy of the packaged letters to the Provost. They are hoping to get 20+ support letters to show vigorous local support for the goals and overall need to maintain Little Salt Spring as an accessible site for educational purposes.

READ MORE ABOUT IT AT <http://www.friendsoflittlesaltspring.com/lss-conference.html>

THREE GOALS OF THE SUPPORT LETTER

1. Express appreciation to the University of Miami for organizing and hosting the 2-24-2018 Little Salt Spring Conference
2. Reaffirm the importance of the resumption of scientific research at Little Salt Spring and Preserve
3. Stress the importance of future limited access, and educational guided tours to Little Salt Spring and Preserve for local school children.

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

Historic Spanish Point offers an archaeology presentation on Saturday, January 13 from 4-6pm in the Visitors Center. Kassie Kemp from Florida Public Archaeology Network will present "The Past Contained: Florida's Prehistoric Pottery". On Thursday, February 15 from 5-7pm, Steve Koski will talk about Little Salt Spring and its importance to Florida's archaeological record. Light refreshments are served at each lecture. Please call 941-966-5214 to register. Lecture cost \$10 per HSP member, \$15 per non-member.

Friends of Little Salt Spring invite you to their fundraising event on Saturday, January 13. Join the friends at the MANASOTA BEACH CLUB 7660 Manasota Key Rd, Englewood, FL 34223 for a fun luncheon and presentation by Steve Koski featuring new graphics by Dr. George Luer about the basin research at Little Salt Spring. The event starts at 11:30am and costs \$40 per person. CALL BETTY NUGENT AT (941) 475-2696 to buy tickets.

Friends of the Sarasota County History Center invite you to join them on Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30pm for an interesting and invigorating discussion about SARASOTA SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE ARCHITECT, JACK WEST! Participating in the discussion are Joe King, curator of the current Jack West Exhibit; Harold Bubil, former real estate editor for the Herald Tribune; and John McCarthy, executive director of Historic Spanish Point. The event is free but donations are appreciated. Light refreshments will be served.

Make plans to attend the first of Friends' spring *Florida Humanities Speaker Series* on Thursday, February 1 at 7pm. The speaker is Dr. Jack Davis and the topic is "Florida and the Gulf of Mexico: History, Wisdom, and Hope". The presentations are free to members and only \$5 for non-members. Lectures take place at the Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Blvd of the Arts in downtown Sarasota Bayfront. Please call 941-361-2453 or visit www.foschc.eventbrite.com to register.

Venice Area Historical Society offers a program on Tuesday, January 16 at 7pm “The Unknown Heroes of Florida’s Civil Rights Movement” by Dr. Gary Mormino. It is FREE and open to the public at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation sanctuary located at 1971 Pinebrook Road, Venice. For more details and updates on other programs and preservation projects, visit <http://www.veniceareahistoricalsociety.org/>

In “circus train car” news... Restoration is still on-going after finding mold and other minor damages, but the car suffered no further issues during our rough summer storm season. Exciting plans for the interior exhibits are underway. Famous window and set designer, Tim Wisgerhof, from Venice Little Theater is helping out. Circus legends, Sigrid Gebel, Peggy Williams, and Chuck Sidlow are also contributing. You can read more about this in the Fall 2017 newsletter on the VAHS website.

Venice Heritage, Inc. is ready for the annual Holiday Tea on Sunday, January 7, 2018, 2pm at Trammell Castle. The Lord-Higel House will be included in the Venice Garden Club’s 28th annual home tour on March 9 and 10, 2018. It’s a nice chance to see the ongoing restoration in progress. Information is available at www.venicegardenclub.com

Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation will hold the annual home tour on March 4, 2018 featuring the Grenada neighborhood. Call (800) 753-6061 or email sahp.mailbox@gmail.com for more information.

Sarasota Historical Commission asks you to consider volunteering to serve on the commission as the lack of active members is hampering preservation issues, historical markers, and more. Contact Frank Cassell for more information at fcassell@pitt.edu

City of Sarasota will be undertaking the process to resurvey the city, which will help better document and catalog historic structures and allow proper management leading to an updating of the zoning code. It will be a one to two year process.

Warm Mineral Springs/Little Salt Spring Archaeological Society will host Jeff Moates, director of the FPAN West Central Region office at USF, who will discuss the “Heritage Monitoring Scouts” program. During Jeff’s presentation, you’ll learn what a Heritage Monitor Scout is, why monitoring sites is important, and how to become a scout. Scouts are trained and mentored by professional archaeologists, who take them to sites and teach recording techniques and the ethics of site stewardship. Specific sites will be used as examples of what scouts do and how they can help. Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 7pm at North Port Community United Church of Christ 3450 South Biscayne Boulevard. Free to the public.

Historical Society of Sarasota County’s “Conversation at The Crocker” for January will feature real estate and architecture expert Harold Bubil on the topic “Sarasota School of Architecture: Then and Now.” Starting at 7pm on Tuesday, January 9 at the Crocker Memorial Church in Pioneer Park (1260 12th Street), Bubil will host a community conversation about the “Sarasota School of Architecture,” a phrase often used to describe modern architecture in the Sarasota area. The program is free to HSOSC members and students, and \$10 at the door for guests.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:45pm

Next Business Meeting: February 6, 2018 at Historic Spanish Point
