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MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS' MEETING FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President Herbert J. Doherty, Jr. convened the semi-annual meeting of the officers and directors of the Florida Historical Society at 10:00 a.m. in the board room of the Orlando Public Library, December 13, 1969. Present in addition to Dr. Doherty were James C. Craig, John E. Johns, Mrs. Milton D. Jones, Margaret L. Chapman, Samuel Proctor, Robert H. Akerman, Luis Arana, Mrs. T. O. Bruce, August Burghard, Baynard Kendrick, N. E. Bill Miller, Thelma Peters, Mrs. O. C. Peterson, James A. Servies, John D. Ware, Clara E. Wendel, and W. Robert Williams.

Dr. Doherty welcomed the group and expressed a special greeting to Miss Chapman who had not been present at the annual meeting because of illness. He also thanked Miss Wendel for making the library available for the meeting. Dr. Doherty advised that the committees for the annual meeting have been appointed and that Dr. James Covington of Tampa University is program chairman. The nominating committee has selected Milton D. Jones as its chairman.

Miss Chapman, executive secretary, submitted her interim reports on finance and membership. The total cash on hand as of November 30, 1969, is \$27,347.21. This includes \$2,699.90 in the Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Fund; \$1,745.72 in the Father Jerome Memorial Fund; and \$11,019.32 in the Julien C. Yonge Publication Fund. The membership count as of December 1 is 1,530. The membership has remained constant despite increased dues and there have been no cancellations reported because of the increase. Contributions to the Julien C. Yonge Publication Fund are still being received. Miss Chapman asked permission to spend \$500 for binding of periodicals and for laminating valuable materials in the Florida Historical Society Library. The request was granted.

Dr. Samuel Proctor, editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, again thanked Pat Dodson and his firm, Dodson, Craddock and Born Advertising, Inc., of Pensacola, for their help in

redesigning the journal. "Florida Manuscript Acquisitions and Accessions," "Florida History in Periodicals," and "Florida History Research in Progress" will be regular annual features in the *Quarterly*. Starting with the January 1970 number, the *Quarterly* will increase its run to 1,650 copies. Dr. Proctor expressed his thanks to all those who work on the journal and who serve as members of the Editorial Advisory Board. Miss Chapman said that, she is investigating the costs of reprinting the *Quarterly* and will report when information is available. The first twenty-three volumes of the *Quarterly* are available, on positive microfilm and may be ordered from Miss Chapman for \$9.00 a reel.

Mr. Craig, membership chairman, was called upon, and he thanked Miss Chapman for her report. Dr. Johns, properties chairman, reported that he is making steady progress in locating the property belonging to the Society. Some material is in St. Augustine, some is at Stetson University, and there is a small collection of books in Jacksonville. The largest number of items are in the Florida State Museum in Gainesville and there are a few items in the J. Hillis Miller Medical Center Library, Gainesville. Senator Williams reported that General Services had approved the appropriation for a building for his Division of Archives, History and Records Management, but more steps are needed before the building becomes a reality. Some arrangements for storing the Society's museum properties may be worked out.

Captain Ware announced preliminary plans for the annual meeting in May. The Manger Inn has been selected as the convention hotel, and Anthony P. Pizzo is chairman of the local arrangements committee. An organizational meeting on local arrangements was held on September 22, 1969. Captain Ware stated that three historical maps of Florida have been printed for distribution at the convention, and Miss Chapman noted that these are being presented through the courtesy of Captain Ware. Arrangements are being made for sight seeing in Ybor City and a luncheon on Saturday, May 9, at the Columbia Restaurant. President Doherty stated that the board will meet on Thursday evening. There will be a workshop Friday morning which will pertain to archives, their feasibility, and use. There will be papers on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning's session

will be devoted to the history of the Tampa Bay area. It will be followed by the business meeting. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday night.

Dr. Doherty stated that he will dispose of the St. Marks Lighthouse matter in accordance with recommendations from Mr. Miller. He also described the speakers' bureau. Some three dozen people have volunteered to talk on various subjects to local societies, but there have been few requests for speakers. Most local groups do not have the money to pay speakers either an honorarium or expenses, and speakers are sometimes reluctant to offer their services without compensation. Dr. Doherty called for volunteers for the project.

Dr. Proctor stated that he hoped that a newsletter could be published again at least twice yearly, and that it could be utilized to establish increased communication between the Florida Historical Society and local, county, and regional historical associations in the state. There are more than forty such groups in Florida. The University of South Florida supports the Society's business operations and houses its library, and the University of Florida subsidizes the *Quarterly*. Dr. Proctor called on some other state or private institution to underwrite the newsletter. Senator Williams said that he would consider doing this if he gets a suitable appropriation. Dr. Doherty said that this would be placed on the agenda to be discussed at the board meeting in May.

Dr. Proctor next reported on the plan to recognize living former presidents of the Florida Historical Society at the banquet in May. All will be invited to attend and a certificate will be presented to each of them.

The president nominated Dr. Thelma Peters as regional vice-president representing southeast Florida and the Board approved. Through Senator Williams, the Division of Archives, History and Records Management has requested permission to use the Society's mailing list for the distribution of historical materials which it is planning to mail out. The list would be on a computer controlled by Senator Williams, and it could not be used for the benefit of any other organizations without approval of the Society. Senator Williams said he would have no objections to the Society using the Division's longer list if approval of the groups involved were received. Mr. Miller

pointed out that there were safeguards to protect the list and that the Society's membership would have the benefit of receiving the material prepared by the Division. Dr. Proctor moved that the current mailing list of the Society be made available to the Division for the purpose of circulating the Division's material, and that the list should not be released without the prior written approval of the Society. The motion was approved.

Miss Chapman read portions of a resolution from the Peace River Valley Historical Society regarding its support for the historical marker program. Senator Williams stated that he was happy to have an endorsement of the marker program and he welcomed the support of the Florida Historical Society. There being no objection the Board endorsed the resolution. The bill providing for the development of materials for use in teaching Florida history was discussed next. Dr. Proctor reported that with the support of Representative William Bevis, the Florida House and Senate had passed a concurrent resolution memorializing Dr. Rembert W. Patrick in May 1969. Copies of this were sent to Mrs. Patrick.

Dr. Proctor stated that an Historic American Building Survey exhibit of photographs of historic structures, including several from St. Augustine and Key West, was at the University of Florida. A workshop on architectural preservation is scheduled to be held in Gainesville on February 20 and 21, 1970. Senator Williams said that the Federal Bureau of the Budget has authorized the Department of Interior to release more matching funds for architectural preservation for the next fiscal year, and some funds may be available for Florida. Dr. Proctor noted that the First Annual Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference had been held in Pensacola in December 1969, and a second conference is planned for next year.

President Doherty recognized each director and thanked all for attending the meeting. The session was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ALVA L. JONES
Recording Secretary

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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| April 3-4 | Florida Conference of
College Teachers of
History | Pensacola |
| April 15-18 | Organization of American
Historians | Los Angeles, Calif. |
| May 7-9 | FLORIDA HISTORI-
CAL SOCIETY 68TH
ANNUAL MEETING | MANGER
HOTEL
TAMPA |
| Sept. 23-26 | American Association for
State and Local
History | Kansas City, Mo. |
| Sept. 30-
Oct. 2 | Society of American
Archivists | Washington, D. C. |
| Nov. 11-14 | Southern Historical
Association | Louisville, Ky. |
| Nov. 13-16 | National Colloquium on
Oral History | "Asilomar"
Carmel, Calif. |