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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 28, 1998

The Board of the Florida Historical Society met in Cocoa on May 28, 1998. In attendance were: Nancy Buckalew, Mary Ann Cleveland, Lindsey Williams, Sandy Johnson, Niles Shuh, J. Allison DeFoor III, William S. Coker, Pam Hall, Clyde Field, Louise Gopher, Ada Williams, Tom Graham, Marinus Latour, George Franchere, Robert Taylor, Ted Van Itallie, Kari Frederickson, Patti Bartlett, Milton Jones, and Nick Wynne. Dick Powell was visiting.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President Bill Coker. Minutes of the January 23, 1998 meeting were approved as circulated and seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

*Status Report on the Library*

Nick Wynne discussed the Library. The building has been purchased from the City of Cocoa for \$537,850; part of the financing was a long-term \$200,000 loan from Mrs. Clyde Fields. There are 380 members of the Florida Library Foundation (FLF). The FLF is considering publication of a semi-annual popular history magazine which will allow us to expand the exhibits displayed in the library building, the topics dealt with in *Journeys* publication, and will enable us to reach a broader market than the FHS *Quarterly* now reaches. A call for articles will be issued in the *Quarterly*, in the newsletter, and other historically oriented sites. This would also put us on a par with most other state historical societies, with an academic and a popular publication. A series of changing exhibits has been set up in the Library. Since June 2, 1997, 14,000 visitors have visited the Library.

The book store in the library building has opened. Called The Print Shop, it generates about \$1000 a month in sales. The FHS also has its own web site, which may be reached at [www.florida-historical-soc.org](http://www.florida-historical-soc.org) and a service entitled "Today in Florida History" will begin in the fall of 1998. There will be no charge for newspapers, etc., to use this service, as long as the FHS is credited. The volun-

teer staff for the society is six people who work about 30 hours a week. The Saturday lecture series has proven to be popular. The Pioneer Days Festival, held in late March, brought another 1,000-2,000 people through the Society's doors. An endowment has been created for the Library, and contributions are beginning to come in for it; Board members are asked to join the FLF. Next year's Pioneer Days Festival will be March 27 and 28; all FHS Board members are encouraged to attend and to talk to those attending. Historical re-enactors are being sought.

Renovations to the Library building will begin on September 1, 1998. Grants from the Bureau of Historic Preservation of \$215,000 and \$60,000 will pay for the renovations and the roof repair.

Fund raisers for the Society and for the FLF will begin in the summer with the Annual Appeals for both organizations. In November, Clyde Fields will host a Florida BBQ fundraiser at her house, probably the first weekend of that month.

A catalog of acquisitions is underway; two typical recent acquisitions are 50 maps of 19th century Florida and a photographic collection of tin can tourist camps. A grant is being written to digitize the documents.

Doug Milne will pursue our connection with the DuPont Foundation regarding funding. We need to prove that Mrs. DuPont gave us funding prior to her death to be eligible for DuPont funding.

#### *Membership Report*

Our membership currently is about 2,400. *Journeys for the Junior Historian* is doing well, with roughly 375 members, although recruiting essentially a completely new membership every two years has proven to be a time-intensive task. Cynthia Trefelner has resigned as editor of the publication, and a new editor is being sought. Ted Van Itallie commented that corporate sponsorship could be sought, to result in enough funding to hire a really first-rate editor.

#### *Nominations for New Board Members*

Robert Taylor passed out copies of the nomination committee's recommendations for the new board member positions. Don Gaby has been nominated for district 1; Ernest Dibble for District 2, and Robert Taylor for District 3. All three nominees are active in Florida history and have published in the field. After discussion, it

was moved and seconded (Field, Van Itallie) that these nominations be presented to the membership for election. Motion carried.

Nick Wynne commented that new board nominations will be needed to fill five upcoming slots next year. Members were requested to think of who they would like to see added to the Board.

### OLD BUSINESS

Kari Frederickson announced that Marilyn Babb of the University Press of Florida asked her about out plans to start a series of monographs on Florida history, culled from the *Quarterly*. Dr. Wynne said in the past the Society Board thought that any available funding would be better spent on direct Society expense, the last index cost about \$20,000. Ted Van Itallie asked about whether the University Press of Florida or we should do these anthologies; Dr. Wynne commented that it would be much easier for the University Press of Florida to do this. It would behoove us to find a committee to select the articles for inclusion. Dr. Coker asked that information be brought to the January 1999 Board meeting.

Dr. Frederickson was asked if she was pleased with her role with the *Quarterly*. She said that she was pleased with her staff, the editorial board and the progress shown. Those articles sent back to the authors with questions from the reviewing board were sent back by the authors within a month. Submission are up and the next four issue have been planned, the thematic issue on NASA was scuttled, due to poor response. Those articles which were submitted will appear in future issues of the *Quarterly*. Two special issues are planned, one on the Civil War in Florida and the second on Women in Florida History. If response merits it, these themes will be used for future anthologies. She is now asking her authors to abstract their articles for placement on our website. She would like more history news from area societies and museums, and book notes reviewing Florida history books which might not receive much publicity.

Ted Van Itallie suggested the Board consider adding binders for the *Quarterly* as a membership benefit for the higher membership levels.

The Board entered into an executive session for a report from Milton Jones.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1997-December 31, 1997

<i>Current Assets</i>	
Checking Account-Society .....	\$ 3,709
Dean Witter Investments .....	12,570
Mid-South Investment .....	180
Accounts Receivable .....	7,247
Inventory .....	25,438
Total Current Assets .....	49,144
<i>Fixed Assets</i>	
Office Equipment .....	14,140
Furniture & Fixtures .....	4,290
Accumulated Depreciation .....	(16,199)
Total Fixed Assets .....	2,231
TOTAL ASSETS .....	51,375
<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Accounts Payable .....	16,451
Total Current Liabilities .....	16,451
TOTAL LIABILITIES .....	16,451
<i>Fund Balance</i>	
Fund Balances .....	37,591
Excess (deficit) for year .....	(2,667)
Total Fund Balance .....	34,924
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE .....	51,375
<i>Revenues</i>	
Membership Income .....	48,550
Donation Sales Income .....	1,500
Quarterly Income .....	317
Journeys Income .....	129
Annual Meeting Income .....	10,685
Annual Appeal Income .....	7,275
Dividend Income .....	606
Florida Portrait Sales .....	327
Florida Portrait Royalties .....	977
Ciudad de Cigars Sales .....	1,192
Florida Decade Sales .....	190
Divided We Fall Sales .....	164
Florida At War Sales .....	14
History of Brevard County Sales .....	361
Income-Research .....	5
Income-Label Sales .....	80
Income-Misc. Donations .....	13,215
Miscellaneous Income .....	332
TOTAL REVENUES .....	85,949

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### *Expenses*

Memb. Recr. & Retent. Printing Expense .....	\$ 1,746
Memb. Recr. & Retent. Postage Expense .....	2,281
Quarterly Expense .....	15,878
Journeys Expense .....	1,641
Society Report Expense .....	1,929
Annual Meeting Expense .....	6,540
Award Expense .....	2,498
Annual Appeal Expense .....	143
Roesch House-Utilities Expense .....	4,246
Roesch House-Maintenance Expense .....	685
Roesch House-Security Expense .....	337
Roesch House-Insurance Expense .....	1,932
Roesch House-Miscellaneous Expense .....	252
Editorial Expense .....	750
Legal & Accounting Expense .....	115
Office Exp.-Salary-Exec. Dir .....	17,769
Office Exp.-Salary-Admin. Asst .....	7,949
Office Exp.-Payroll Taxes .....	4,499
Office Exp.-Unempl. Taxes .....	549
Office Exp.-Medical Insurance .....	7,738
Office Exp.-Other .....	7,852
Depreciation Expense .....	1,287
TOTAL EXPENSES .....	88,616
NET INCOME/DEFICIT .....	(2,667)