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## MINUTES

**Board Meeting  
September 13, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.**

President D. Michael Driscoll called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Board Members Present:** Lenny Bendo; Jody Burtrtram; Thomas Cloud; D. Michael Driscoll; Jessica Hoeschen and Mark Jones.

**Board Members Participated via Conference Call:** Ray Colado; Frank Cover, Jr.; Nancy Gidusko; Hilary Marx and Suzanne Weinstein

**Other Staff Present:** Randy McKey, Historical Society, Fundraising Consultant and Donna Spence, Historical Society Consultant (participated via conference call)

**History Center Staff Present:** Jessie Allen, Sharon Early, Michael Perkins and Pauline (Petal) Thompson Lee

### Approval of the Minutes

Secretary Frank Cover presented the Minutes for the Board Meeting on June 14, 2017. **The motion was made by Thomas Cloud and seconded by Jessica Hoeschen to approve the June 14, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.**

### Nominating Committee Report

Secretary Frank Cover reported on the status of the potential Board nominees. Ms. Lauren Bloom, Director of Member Services at the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, was nominated and approved to the Board of the Historical Society of Central Florida. **The motion was made by Mark Jones and seconded by Jessica Hoeschen to accept Ms. Lauren Bloom as a Board member of the Historical Society of Central Florida, Inc. Motion carried.**

President Michael Driscoll reported that Mr. Jeffrey Jakubik resigned from the Historical Society of Central Florida Board of Directors in August 2017. **The motion was made by Jody Burtrtram and seconded by Mark Jones to accept Jeffrey Jakubik's resignation from the Board of the Historical Society of Central Florida. Motion carried.**

### Financials/Audit Committee Report

Treasurer Hilary Marx reviewed the financials for the third Quarter of FY 2016/2017. She explained the variances and reported on the financials as presented. **The motion was made by Lenny Bendo and seconded by Jody Burtrtram to accept the Third Quarter Financials for FY 2016/2017, as presented. Motion carried.**

Ms. Marx presented the 2017/2018 Operating Budget for approval. The floor was opened for questions and answers about the budget. **The motion was made by Lenny Bendo and seconded by Thomas Cloud to approve the 2017/2018 Operating Budget, as presented. Motion carried.**



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Ms. Marx led discussion about renewing the accounting services provided by Schopp & Co. The Board reached a unanimous decision that Schopp & Co. is a favorable company. **The motion was made by Lenny Bendo and seconded by Jody Burttram to approve the renewal of the contract with Schopp & Co. Motion carried.**

#### **Annual Board Review Checklist**

Ms. Sharon Early, Business Manager/Staff Accountant reported on the status of the insurance policies, financials, 2017/2018 Budget, 990s, Annual Pass, and Board performance. She reminded everyone that Annual Pass membership fees should be made payable to the Historical Society of Central Florida, Inc. Membership can also be completed online.

#### **Legal Counsel Report**

Legal Counsel Thomas Cloud reported on the status of the copyright to the Florida Highwaymen Books. He reminded everyone that we need to negotiate an agreement with the owner of the rights.

Executive Director Michael Perkins reported on the Dr. Phillips Charities. Mr. Perkins will draft a letter to Dr. Phillips to be reviewed by Mr. Cloud. Ms. Nancy Gidusko volunteered to assist with any concerns regarding the Dr. Phillips Foundation.

#### **Collections Report**

Executive Director Michael Perkins reported that during Hurricane Irma, the History Center's off-site storage facility incurred significant roof damage. The building also had water intrusion which impacted hundreds of artifacts. History Center staff worked diligently to save objects damaged by water and we are hopeful that no artifacts were lost.

Mr. Perkins informed everyone that Ms. Hope McMath, Consultant, will present her report at the Board meeting on November 15, 2017.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Michael Perkins presented his report. The next scheduled John Young History Maker event will be held here at the History Center on May 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend for 100% support.

Mr. Perkins reminded everyone about the upcoming Golf fundraiser event which will be held on September 29, 2017 at Rio Pinar Country Club.

Mr. Perkins presented the Forecast for year-end and reiterated that fundraising efforts are encouraged. He also reported that the Mayor responded positively to requested funds for exhibit redesign, specifically to improve the park entrance to the building.

The History Center won three national awards. Two awards from AALSH (American Association for State & Local History) for Pulse efforts and one from SEMC (Southeastern Museums Conference). Collections and Exhibits staff were present at the awards ceremonies.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, **the motion was made by Thomas Cloud and seconded by Lenny Bendo to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.**

Approved as Read: November 15, 2017

P. Thompson Lee  
P. Thompson Lee, Recording Secretary