

South Manasota Key Association Meeting Minutes

Monday February 8, 2010 2 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Stump who introduced **Diana Harris, Englewood Historian**. Ms. Harris became interested in the history of the area when she bought an old house on Manasota Key. She began her research by talking with longtime residents and soon had compiled an oral history of the area. This oral history has been published as a book called "Englewood Lives". Copies may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce; the Country Hound; Compadres or by calling Ms. Harris at 474-5837. The Key was originally used as a burial ground; indeed, human remains have been found which have been dated back as far as 150AD. More recent development began in the 1920's and continues to this day. Question and answer period followed.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written; motion was seconded and the motion was carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report

Total resources as of February 1, 2010 were \$9999.01.

Committee Reports

MSTU: Mike McLain reported that the drainage project on the south end of the Key has been started but been stalled because of the discovery of an eagle's nest on Little Court. Charlotte County Commissioners have not yet approved the lighting project. Paving project still in the works and funds are available.. Mike also asked for ideas for future projects that MSTU might fund.

Environmental: Betty Sue reported that the committee has identified issues of concern such as: pollution; water and shore health; red tide; wild life and landscaping with native plants, among others. The committee will continue to meet and determine how to address these issues.

Social: Joan reports that committee has scheduled events as follows: SMKA picnic to be held at Chadwick Park on March 6 Noon to 2pm. Stone Crabs Opening Day at Charlotte Co Stadium on April 8, \$26.00 per person includes picnic lunch, new Stone Crabs hat and seats. Featured guest is Cal Ripkin, jr. Call Joan @475-2011 to reserve your tickets. Lemon Bay Theatre production of "Enchanted April" on May 11 @ 7:30 pm, tickets for this event are \$14.00 per person. Call Barbara Weber @ 474-5499 to reserve a seat.

Old Business:

The Government Affairs committee presented the results of the survey to the Charlotte County Commissioners. Nice job gentlemen.

New Business:

Election of Board Members: Steve advised the membership that the current officers/board members have agreed to serve another term; he then asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. He asked for a motion to close nominations and approve the slate. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

By-Laws update and revision - the board will take up revising the by-laws in May and welcomes suggestions. The By-Laws may be found in the membership directory. Please contact Joan at dunhamcard@aol.com or call 475-2011 with suggestions.

Betty Sue report that there is a movement afoot to rename Charlotte Stadium - Mosiac Stadium; she urges the membership to call or email the commissioners express opinions on the subject. You may email at BCC@CharlotteFL. Needless to say she is opposed to such a move.

Adjournment;

Steve called for a motion to adjourn the meeting a motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Dunham-Card, Secretary