

MIAMI SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY JANUARY 5, 2017 MINUTES

The January 2017 meeting was convened by **Ms. Beverly Roetz** at 7:30 PM

Treasurers Report Lili Martinez: Made about approximately \$1,700 Dollars on the Tour of Homes. \$ 520.00 was brought in by the silent auction event held at the Miami Springs Ladies Club.

Minutes from last meeting: Richard Block reported that he was unable to complete due his absence from Miami during this time period. He vowed to do better next time.

Old Business: Beverly Roetz stated that the date for the installation dinner will be changed, but she does know when it will be changed to. The reason is because it's Mother's Day weekend. Also All Angels Church is having an event for that date. It can happen in April or May and the Board will decide. This decision will be made at the next meeting and it was tabled by **Ms. Roetz**. It will not be on the 13th day of May 2017.

Beverly Roetz: Made a comment about how much Jennifer helped at the Women's Club during the Tour of Homes event. Everything went very well, Food, the Band, Entertainment and Auction. Would recommend the catering service for future events. The General Meeting will feature **Dr. Paul George** at the Curtiss Mansion on January 12th 2017 (Thursday). A donation was made by the Molina Family to the Miami Historical Society for this event.

New Business: Johnny's Restaurant is for sale and the matter of the awnings outside of the restaurant came up. The general sentiment is that the awnings should be kept up there. This decision is up to the Preservation Board. There was some confusion about whether the awnings would be removed as the preliminary request was for temporary placement. **Carol** has to put in a formal request to the Miami Springs Preservation Board for permanent placement. The request has been put in. The Preservation Board meeting is open to the Public and all comments should be directed there. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 18, 2017 at 7:00PM. Information was in the Gazette today. Meeting is set for the City Chambers.

Nominating Committee and By-Laws: Beverly Roetz stated that she asked **Yvonne** whether or not she would chair the nominating committee and that she had stated that she would along with the by-laws. There would be one change on the by-laws and that would be the Treasurer's position. The reason is that it is a position that needs continuity and is complicated. The position needs to have an accountant. **Lili Martinez** stated that you should not be changing that position too often. One needs a domination of Quick Books. The Treasurer's position should be separate from the Accounting position. As the Historical Society grows these should be considered as separated entities. Existing by-laws state that no member can hold two positions at one time and no member can hold office for more than four consecutive terms. The solution is to make the Treasurer Position should be without term limits and should be selected by the Board. **Jim Watson** also stated that he was in favor of board members shifting chairs. **Yvonne** stated that she would write up a draft of the proposed By-Law change and Email it to all Board Members for approval. The changes have to be mailed to the membership for approval. Lili also reminded the Board that there are annual reports to be made. Yvonne will have everything ready for the next General Meeting of

Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the Miami Springs Aquatic Center Meeting Room. Beverly gave out extra Calendar of Events to the Board. This Calendar was produced by the Molina family. Yvonne will be chairing the Nominating Committee and By-Law Committee.

Museum Update: **Jim Watson** stated that the plans were returned and it was determined that the Museum has to have the second bathroom. Jim met with William Alonso the city manager and the building department. The law is that the Museum has to have two bathrooms. The plans were redone to reflect that requirement and the men's toilet needs to raise the toilet and sink. The main thing is to get a Certificate of Occupancy. Get it legal. Everything else of the plan has been approved. The deal is to get in there and operating. We have to move ahead. There will be one bathroom which will be redone completely to be ADA compliant. Lili reminded that services by contractors are not tax deductible. We should be looking for craftsman who are willing to offer their services pro-bono. We need permission to start and then look for people who are licensed and authorized to build. The Society needs one last campaign to raise money for the construction. The question of windows was brought up and the response was that this item was not in the general plans.

Curtiss Mansion: Discussions should be engaged upon to display some of the Historical Society's items at the Mansion. This is a work in progress.

Lili Martinez: Stated that the Society should be looking into Grant Writing Opportunities. Aspects were discussed.

General Discussion took place about the volunteers which would work at the Museum. All Board members contributed to this General Discussion. The qualities of good volunteer program and a volunteer manager were discussed. The date for the Museums opening was discussed.

Next Board Meeting: According to **Jim Watson** there are emailing's and letters being sent and also the Gazette is being promptly informed. **The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday February 6, 2017 at 7:30PM at Lili's.**

Richard Block suggested that the Historical Society sell Baseball Caps to raise money. **Yvonne** stated that they did that in the past and couldn't sell them. They finally had to sell them at a loss to get rid of them. **Jim Watson** brought up the fact that Corporate Sponsorship would be a better idea.

Lili Martinez opened a discussion about going to storage and start sorting out items and throwing out items which could be construed as junk and thrown out. **Yvonne** should be there to make the decision about what should be thrown out. There are a lot of Trophies which are not labeled. These may be auctioned or thrown away. This matter should be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Block, Recording Secretary