

LOS FLORIDANOS SOCIETY

MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2006, 2:00 P.M.

SOUTHEAST BRANCH OF THE

ST. AUGUSTINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Dick Rousseau, Board Member. Dick opened the meeting by reading the purpose of the organization as stated in Article II of the Articles of Incorporation.

Ann Masters' recognized Linda Brown, retiring President of the Association, and her accomplishments during her tenure of office. A President's Plaque will be presented to Linda Brown at a later date.

Dick Rousseau discussed the lack of bylaws and stated the need for developing bylaws.

Anita Schenck presented the Treasurer's Report. She gave an overview of the total income derived from membership dues and expenses for the Website (\$180.00 per year) and the Website domain name (\$18.00 per year) and the cost of the President's plaque. In addition she reported that the state incorporation fee is \$65.21 per year. If the Society dissolves the *Incorporation*, the dissolution fee will be \$35.00. The *Incorporation* fee will be due in April. In addition to financial status of the Society, Anita reported on the number of paid memberships as of February 4, 2006.

Judy Allen brought up the questions of "dissolution" which was discussed. The members present felt the *Incorporation* should continue.

Ann Masters' moved that the current Board draw up Bylaws. This motion was seconded. A meeting to review the Bylaws will be held on March 4, 9:00 A.M., at Denny's (Highway 16) or IHOP (US1). Ann Masters will place an announcement in the newspaper following the writing of the official meeting notice. Dick Rousseau will place the meeting notice on the Website.

Ann Masters moved that we go down the agenda item list opening the floor to discussion.

Agenda one. First family genealogies research. Those present felt this should continue as a goal of the Society.

Agenda two. Exchange of First Family information... Those present felt that this should continue as a goal.

Agenda three. Social interaction... Breakfast meeting should be done ad hoc rather than structured or planned by the Society.

Agenda four. Involvement in the St. Augustine Historical Society... This received a negative review from those present. Even though some recognition may be gained by the Society, participation should be done voluntarily on an individual basis.

Agenda five (Fund raising) and six (Membership). These two agenda items' merited being discussed together as they both achieve the same end. Anita recommended that invitations be sent to Solana/Sanchez descendants who currently do not hold membership in the Society or participate in the Society-sponsored events. Former members who have not paid their 2006 dues will be contacted.

Agenda seven. Newsletter content... The Website will be the official organ of the Society. Copies of the content will be mailed to those members who do not have access to the Website.

Agenda eight. Reunions... Those present felt that the reunion should continue but should be more structured. A discussion followed concerning a covered dish reunion vs. a catered function. No decision was reached on the latter. Due to the timing and discussion at this meeting, the April reunion will be held in the fall. The fall date has not been chosen. Ann Masters will check the UF football schedule for an open date. Tom Rogero will check the FSU football schedule for an open date.

Agenda nine. Election of officers/bylaws... The election of officers and the Bylaw's vote will be held March 4. The Bylaws will be discussed prior to the membership vote.

The 2006 meeting calendar will be set at the March 4 meeting.

Charles Usina volunteered to underwrite any expenses above the amount available in the treasure.