

MCSO History Committee – January 13, 2011 – Meeting Summary

The MCSO History Committee met on Thursday January 13, 2011, 12:00 p.m. at the Public Education Center. The following members were present:

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| Mary Sue Polleys | Betty Woodruff | John P. Tucker |
| Karen P. Jones | Philip T. Schley | Richard Hyatt |
| Libba Russell | | |

Others present: Laura Chandler, MEA Representative

The group enjoyed lunch, which was provided by Muscogee County School District.

Dr. Polleys updated the committee on the efforts of the Columbus Museum. She read the following excerpt from Mike Bunn, Curator at the Columbus Museum, "The "History of Local Education" section of our gallery which involves our collaboration is now to be officially installed in March of 2012. The work we are planning to do at your site can of course be completed before that, but I would think end of the year is now a target to shoot for. We had originally thought it would be the late summer/fall, but if we are to complete work as the grant calls for I doubt we could finish it that quick.

Work in preparation for both the display here and there can take place at any time before then, however, so I urge the committee to soon be thinking of what sort of collection of items and images they might be able to have in place that we could draw on when we begin to prepare for this section of the gallery later this year. Remember, we'll need objects, images, and information. We'll design our space and the installation at the school district building together so that they complement each other. A suggested target date for having all your materials ready so that we can talk about design would be the end of April."

Dr. Polleys called on Karen Jones who gave a report on to-date donations received: \$13,670.00 was reported.

Dr. Polleys called on Laura Chandler, a MEA Credit Union representative who asked for the committees help in getting information out regarding the 30th Reunion of Rosemont School. She shared a flyer and plans that the alumni have developed. Dr. Polleys and the committee offered the assistance of the History web site along with any other assistance the Rosemont group might need.

Dr. Polleys asked that Richard Hyatt and Karen Jones start gathering information from the Ledger-Enquirer and that other committee members can later join in this effort at the newspaper. Richard agreed that he and Karen will start the project next week and that Rosemont School should be the first source of information that is scanned for the project.

Dr. Polleys also stated that she will assign committee members to lead the oral review project in categories such as principals, and administrators. Libba Russell offered to lead this project in the category of principals.

Dr. Polleys agreed to send a letter to all donors updating them on the history project at this time. She also asked Karen to contact Angel Cash, the new Director for St. Elmo to retrieve a copy of the DVD on the History of St. Elmo.

Dr. Polleys reminded the committee about the showcase in the hall of the Muscogee County Public Education Center and again invited the group to be on the look-out for education memorabilia that can be collected to add to the showcase. This showcase will be the platform for any education objects, memorabilia that is collected and will be displayed in conjunction with the history project.

Betty Woodruff offered to go to the River Mill and pursue any education objects that are being stored as surplus.

There being no further business, the group adjourned