

MCS History Committee – August 12, 2010 – Meeting Summary

The MCS History Committee met on Thursday August 12, 2010, 12:00 p.m. at the Public Education Center. The following members were present:

Annette Walters	Richard Hyatt	Rochelle Jones
Mary Sue Polleys	Fife Whiteside	Jim Buntin
Karen P. Jones	Betty Woodruff	Jane Gilliam
Meridith Jarrell	Jim Askew	
Eddie T. Lindsey	Sara Ruth Carroll	
Juanita Booker	John Tucker	
Annette Walters	Billy Kendall	

Others present:

Jane Gilliam, MEA Credit Union	Roger Reeves, Columbus Museum
Dora Jackson, Retired Educator	Mike Bunn, Curator of History, Columbus Museum

The group enjoyed lunch, which was provided by Mrs. Annette Walters.

Donations received to date: \$12,645.00 reported by Karen. A check from MEA for donations received in the total amount of \$175.00 was presented by Jane Gilliam. This will be deposited in the history account at CB&T.

Dr. Polleys reported on the showcase in the hall of the Muscogee County Public Education Center and invited the group to be on the look-out for education memorabilia that can be collected to add to the showcase.

Betty Woodruff gave a report on the portraits that have been collected and are being stored in the MCPEC building.

The discussion of the group centered on the collaboration with the Columbus Museum to partner with the MCS History Committee in presenting a logical education story. In attendance were Mike Bunn, Curator of History at the Columbus Museum and Roger Reeves, Exhibit Production Design Coordinator. They recommended the format in which to present the Muscogee County Education story and the cost.

Upon motion of Dr. Buntin, seconded by Mrs. Booker, the History Committee unanimously approved these Columbus Museum experts to move forward with the project and report back to the committee.

Mrs. Dora Jackson, retired educator from Muscogee County School District, gave a historical account of Lynch Road School and Dr. James T. Grant, the first African American School Board member. It was the consensus of the committee that Mrs. Jackson join the committee in their efforts to promote the history of education in Muscogee County.

Dr. Polleys stated that she has not received the DVD of the St. Elmo project but hopes to have it in the future.

Richard Hyatt gave a report on his efforts to contact the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer regarding the history articles, photographs, etc. that currently exist at the newspaper. Dr. Polleys noted that she, Richard Hyatt, Jim Buntin and Susan Andrews will meet with the newspapers' CEO.

Dr. Buntin gave a report on his progress with Doug Pullen. Mr. Pullen asked that he submit another letter of interest for grant funds. Dr. Buntin will proceed. Dr. Polleys noted that the group should view the Bibb Elementary history on Face book.

There being no further business, the group adjourned and agreed to meet at the regular time in September. (NOTE: Because of projects pending, the meeting for September, 2010 was cancelled).