

HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 30, 2006
President's Dining Room
Athens State University

Members attending were Barry Devine, Pamela Keller, Sara Love (chair), Molly Pepper (recorder), and Tina Sloan.

Sara Love called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Jerry Bradford was not in attendance, so no updates were available on campus projects.

Sara Love mentioned some past projects which the committee had been involved. The first of these is the preservation of the "Light Eternal" painting. Pamela Keller agreed to take a look at the painting to see if there is anything she and her art faculty might be able to do to help restore it. If need be, she will take the painting to a restorer in Nashville who has restored other paintings from Athens State. Sara mentioned that she had stored other paintings in the archives as different buildings go through renovations and improvements. Some of these paintings had been stored in the maintenance building. The committee would like to find out if there is an inventory of paintings over the campus. Molly Pepper agreed to check with Paula Bullington in the Maintenance Department. Pamela Keller volunteered to conduct training for the maintenance department on the proper handling and storage of paintings and other works of art.

The "A Walk Across Campus" brochure is ready to be finalized. Errors from the last printing have been noted. Betty Marks said that she will do a reprint as soon as we get the brochure back to her. She recommended that we print both the outside and inside cover pages in color. We are paying 50 cents for color already, and it will not cost extra to do both sides in color. The total cost of printing each brochure is 85 cents.

The "A Walk Across Campus" brochure is to be used in conjunction with a signage project that Sara Love, Molly Pepper, and Jerry Bradford are working toward finishing soon. A sign will be located at each of the historic buildings on campus. Athens State University is one of the stops on the Athens-Limestone County "Antebellum Trail."

Sara updated the group on the purchase of a new punch bowl to be used in place of the antique punch bowl that was once used for many public and private functions. The new punch bowl will be made available to the public, while the antique one will be reserved for college functions only.

Sara asked the committee to give suggestions for committee projects this year. The Heritage Committee has a \$300 budget for 2005-06.

Pamela Keller mentioned some aspects of the McCandless renovation that will be a boost to the art department. She says there will be a gallery created on the second floor balcony that may be glimpsed from the auditorium. She hopes that maybe some of these “forgotten” pieces of artwork may be displayed again in this venue.

Barry Devine proposed that the Heritage Committee attempt to obtain a guest speaker for Women’s History Month or a faculty/staff meeting who is a graduate of Athens State and could provide a personal history of the institution. Many of our faculty, staff, and students are not aware of the rich history of this campus. Barry will check with Rick Mould about inviting Mrs. Miller to speak at a public forum. Mrs. Bibb was also mentioned as a possible speaker.

The next meeting of the Heritage Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. A location will be determined later.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.