

HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 7, 2005

Library, Room 215

Athens State University

Members attending were Jo Huffman, Sara Love (Chairperson), Debra Miller, Molly Pepper (Recorder), and Sandra Stockton.

Sara Love called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The minutes stood approved.

Jerry Bradford was unavailable to give any updates on campus improvement projects, although many improvements are visible. The committee members commented on how nice the campus looks right now.

Sara Love reported to the committee on what is taking place with the archives. She mentioned that the "Rare Books Collection" will be placed on shelves soon. There are presently 800 rare books that have been catalogued, but there are approximately 1,200 books in the collection. The collection will be located in the Library's upstairs conference room. Sara hopes that she will be able to keep the table that is presently in that room or replace it with an antique-looking one. Sandra Stockton mentioned that Rugby, Tennessee is home to a library with an incredible method of preserving books. She thought it might be beneficial for Sara to visit the library and see if she may learn anything useful for preserving Athens State University's rare books.

Sara updated the committee on the Historic Sign Project that is to be tied in with a driving tour of Athens and Limestone County. Mr. Bradford had planned to order the signs for the campus from the same company that is working on the tour signs. Sara told the committee that Molly Pepper had agreed to assist her in providing the wording for the historic signs on campus.

The "Light Eternal" preservation has hit a standstill for the moment. The phone number that Sara has been using for a company that specializes in art preservation is no longer in use. Sandra said that she will attempt to get another number for her.

The committee discussed what to do with the large punch bowl. At first, the committee discussed the possibility of moving the punch bowl to the President's home. Sandra said that she would ask the Bartletts about this, but she felt that there was little room left at their home for storing an item of that size. Another suggestion was to keep the punch bowl in its present location and ask Maintenance if they can provide a new key for the closet's lock. Sandra will check with the Maintenance Department.

Jo Huffman made the motion to find a secure place to keep the treasured, historic punch bowl and accompanying tray and to purchase a less expensive replacement for public entertainment uses. Debra Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Jo was

asked to look around for a replacement piece and email prices, descriptions, etc., to the other committee members.

Sara mentioned that she would like to see the “Walk Across Campus” brochure completed soon. Jo reported that Betty Marks in Publications should have some new pictures of campus buildings in three to four days. Some additions to the brochure include a listing of the historic trees on campus, a revised map which will fold out and be attached to an inside cover, and a glossy cover. The committee decided that the brochures should be offered for sale at the next Fiddler’s Convention for a small price (\$1.50-\$2.00). The cost of printing the brochure needs to stay under \$1.00 per brochure, if possible.

Sara mentioned that she will be attempting to write a grant proposal in order to obtain preservation funds for the Athens State Archives. She asked that the committee think about some projects that could be started by the Heritage Committee next year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. The committee will try to meet again in a couple of weeks when the new pictures for the brochure are available for review.