

**Suncoast Information Specialists
Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 15, 2013**

Date/Time: Saturday, June 15, 2013, 12:00 – 2:00pm.

Location: Heritage Village, Largo, FL

Host: Jim Schnur

Catering: Public Supermarket

Attendance: 31 members and guests

Minutes by: Alison Harris

Socializing and Networking

- 12:00 - 12:30pm Meet & Greet/Lunch
- 12:30 - 1:00pm Business Meeting
- 1:00 - 2:00pm *The Fantastic Challenges of Librarianship* at Heritage Village with speaker Jim Schnur
- 2:00 - 3:15pm Tour of Heritage Village with optional tour of Florida Botanical Gardens

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Introduction

12:30pm – Round table introductions by SIS President Bill Harris. Members encouraged to mention any open librarian positions in the Tampa Bay area.

Old Business

Minutes

Minutes from the April 2013 meeting were approved by the membership.

Treasurer's report

By Webmaster Betsy King (for Treasurer Jodi Geever)

Our current balance is \$1800.95. SIS budget is currently strong. Money was donated for a gift basket the Silent Auction at the Florida Library Association in May. Officer expenses and scholarship funding are biggest costs. The extra money saved from current meeting will be donated to Heritage Village for the organization's hospitality.

New Business

Call for Members of 2013 Nominating Committee: By SIS President Bill Harris

SIS is currently accepting members for the 2013 Nominating Committee. The duties of committee members include: communicating with members interested in running for office, formally announcing the upcoming elections at August meeting, and arranging for an official vote at the October meeting. SIS Bylaws currently allow for electronic voting for the 2013 elections.

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Positions open for election: Vice President, Director, and Secretary

Members interested in joining committee: Linda McKenna, Judy Cole, Jodi Geever, Marisa Meale, and Sue Kiley

For further information, please contact Bill Harris.

Call for Newsletter Announcements: By SIS President Bill Harris

Please email Megan O'Brien with announcements for the newsletter. Members are encouraged to share their experiences at FLA in the newsletter. Her contact information can be found on the SIS website.

Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library System Oral History Project: By SIS President Bill Harris

The Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library System has received a grant to complete an oral history project regarding Tampa's history. As part of the requirements of the grant, THPL will conclude with a presentation for Suncoast Information Specialists about what was learned through the process of earning the grant and finishing the project.

Announcements

Open to floor

SIS Webpage for Job Seekers: By Webmaster Betsy King

SIS will be creating a webpage with online job resources for librarians searching for employment. Please contact Betsy King with any information.

SIS FLA Conference Scholarships: By SIS Scholarship Committee Member Caroline Reed

Caroline gave members an early reminder of the FLA Conference scholarships awarded by Suncoast Information Specialists. SIS did not receive any applications from library staff members this year. Any librarians, whether employed or unemployed, are strongly encouraged to apply next year.

SIS Social Media Members: By SIS Membership Coordinator Jessica Riggins

Anyone interested in promoting SIS on social media networks, such as Facebook or LinkedIn, please contact Bill Harris or Jessica Riggins.

Call for members interested in creating a FLA professional group for Solo Librarianship

Happy Birthday to our speaker, Jim Schnur!

Closing

The meeting was closed at 1pm. Program ended at 2:00pm.

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Program

The Fantastic Challenges of Librarianship have changed at Heritage Village in the thirteen years since SIS last visited. Discover what hardships, improvements, and delights the Village has faced with speaker Jim Schnur. Jim has over 25 years of experience at institutions like the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library at USF St. Petersburg, Eckerd College, and the Tarpon Springs Public Library. He is a librarian, college archivist, library and information science professor at USF, and a passionate enthusiast for local historical gems like the Village. Includes a tour of Heritage Village, their Library and Archives, and an optional tour of Florida Botanical Gardens after the meeting.