



FFNHA Meeting Notes  
September 13, 2007  
Paola, KS

Meeting called to order by Judy Billings. Attendees introduced themselves. Judy asked for a change in the agenda to allow the speaker Carmaletta Williams to speak first, this was accepted by attendees.

Julie Mulvihill introduced Carmaletta Williams. Carmaletta M. Williams is a professor of English at Johnson County Community College, and the college's 2006 Distinguished Service Award recipient. She received her Ph.D. in English from the University of Kansas and an M.A. in English from the University of Missouri. She specializes in African American literature and has served as a guest speaker on the African American experience at churches, colleges, and other groups in the Kansas City area, the State of Kansas, nationally, and internationally.

Williams spoke on "Free Did Not Mean Welcome." Millions of African Americans walked away from the South after Emancipation looking for freedom. For some it meant a journey to Kansas, a "free state." Discover how many realized that for Black people in Kansas "Free" did not necessarily mean "Welcome."

Carmaletta took questions from the partners and discussion.

Break for lunch.

Business meeting began after lunch.

July minutes were approved with corrections.

Martha Parker gave the financial report, stating the current balance of the checking account is \$1,525.60.

#### Committee Reports

Tours – Arnold Scholfield reported that the group is wrapping up the John Brown and Civil War tours. They have also begun work on Ready Made Tours throughout the area along major roads, these include: I-70, 71 Hwy, 69 Hwy.

Alexis Radil talked about the National Tour Association Conference which will be held in KC, MO November 1-7, 2007. She will be representing Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and requested a calendar of events be created for FFNHA so it could be distributed to operators during the convention. It was discussed that sites should put their event information on the [www.freedomsfrontier.org](http://www.freedomsfrontier.org) website and a calendar could be pulled from that information.

John Nichols reported on GPS/GIS. John talked about the potential uses of GIS (Geographical Information System) for historical and archaeological mapping and data analyzing. He also

described the uses of GPS (Global Positioning System) units for locating sites to make them more readily available for visitors.

Peer Review – Debbie White reported that the team, Alinda Miller, Keyta Kelly, Eileen Robertson, Brandi Brinegar, Alexis Radil and herself, have reviewed sites in eight counties thus far. Reviewed sites will be contacted before the October meeting with the results of the visits. White reminded the group about the opt-in/opt-out forms that FFNHA must have to include any private property within the area.

Website – Debbie White reported that in the future minutes and agendas will be available on the website and no longer attached in the monthly meeting notification. Also working on improving the current website to be 1) more user friendly, 2) improved events calendar, and 3) adding site information. Reminded partners to continue to add events, visitor readiness forms, and submit hi-res photos on CD that should include people, buildings and landscapes.

Management Plan - Billings reported that the Scope of Work and Contract for facilitation of the Management Plan is in process with a goal of having the Board of Trustees approve it at their October meeting. Public meetings are scheduled to begin after the first of the year. The Board is currently raising money to help pay for the planning process.

Announcements:

Deb Barker – Old Depot Museum, Ottawa. Two exhibits 1) George Washburn Architect, Ottawa and Paola buildings he designed. 2) John Brown and the Pottawatomie Massacre.

Wayne Johnson – Dedication of the Baptiste Bust in Paola’s Square, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

Emma Crites – Fredonia Homecoming Festival - Old Iron Days October 6<sup>th</sup>

Eileen Robertson – Humboldt 50<sup>th</sup> Biblesta Parade, 1:30pm October 6<sup>th</sup>

Kerry Altenbernd – Breakfast at Black Jack October 21<sup>st</sup>

Attendees:

Fort Scott Chamber	Connie Banwart
Miami Co Hist Soc	Wayne Johnson
KS Tourism	Regina Nicol
Linn Co Hist Soc	Ola May Earnest
Visit Topeka, Inc	Tamara Scheid
Fort Scott Chamber	Katie Caspar
Fort Scott NHS	Betty Boyko
Fort Scott NHS	Galen Ewing
City of Gladstone	Melinda Mehaffy
Fredonia Tourism	Emma Crites
Humboldt Tourism	Eileen Robertson
Humboldt Tourism	Ellery Robertson
Franklin Co. CVB	Kristi Lee
Old Depot Museum	Deborah Barker
KCKS Comm. College	Bryan LeBeau
Coffey Co.	Bill Freeman
Mine Creek Battlefield	Arnold Scholfield
Trading Post Museum	Alice Widner
Bushwhacker Museum	Terry Ramsey
Leavenworth Co.	Keyta Kelly
Adair Cabin	Ben Maimer
Pott. Co. Eco. Devo.	Brandi Brinegar

Clinton Lake Museum	Martha Parker
Miami Co. Republic Paper	Brian McCauley
Lecompton Hist. Soc.	Paul Bahnmaier
Johnson Co. KS Hist. Soc.	Lisa Irlle
Johnson Co. KS Hist. Soc.	Jack Landers
Mayor Paola	Artie Stuteville
Miami Co. Hist. Soc.	John Nichols
Lawrence CVB	Debbie White
Lawrence CVB	Judy Billings
KS Humanities Council	Carmaletta Williams
KS Humanities Council	Tracy Quillin
KS Humanities Council	Julie Mulvihill
KS Humanities Council	Dan Carey-Whalen
Black Jack Battlefield Trust	Kerry Altenbernd
Riley Co. Museum	
and Goodnow House	Cheryl Collins
Shawnee CVB	Mary Cummings
Merriam CVB	Karen Crane
Battle of Lexington	Janae Fuller
Lexington Chamber	Ann Crume
Lawrence	Dale Nimz
Douglas Co. Hist. Soc.	Pennie von Achen
Cass Co. Hist. Soc.	Carol Bohl
John Brown Museum	Grady Atwater
Frontier Military Museum	Virginia & Mark Alley
Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop	Alexia Radil
Douglas Co. Govt.	Linda Finger
LN Co., Mound City Hist. Soc.	Mary & Ken Asher
Territorial Capital, Topeka	Chris Meinhardt
	Joanne Harrison
	J.C. Rivers