

SAINT JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNDTABLE
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Lofgren at 9:00 AM

County Commissioner Cindi Stevenson was present

The minutes of the August 12, 2013 meeting were accepted as read.
The treasurer reported a balance of \$ 2751.20 with 14 paid members.

President Lofgren introduced Dr. Jean Prickett, President of the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, the guest speaker.

Dr. Prickett presented an excellent overview of the school. It is the largest school of it's kind in the country. It was established on 1885 on donated land. It serves deaf and blind children from birth until age 21. It has students from all parts of the state and also serves rural counties with in-home teachers where full time teachers are not available.

As of December 2012, the school had 987 students counting those schooled at home.

The goal of the school is to have it's students be both functionally and residentially independent upon graduation and to have a passion for life long learning.

The school is primarily funded by the State of Florida She feels that the school can accommodate around 800 residential students with the present facilities and does not see any expansion in the near future.

Dr Prickett said she is thrilled to be the president and looks forward to a successful stay here.

Other Items

Bill McCormick reported on the county budget. There was discussion on a recent article in the Ancient City News regarding the budget. Bill also reported on the last meeting on Concurrency which he attended. He stated that the next meeting on concurrency will be on September 26th starting at 9:00 AM at the county administration building.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 Am

Ed Olsen
Secretary