



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
January 28, 2015**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board meeting of December 8, 2014.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Events Committee:

- *Sundays on the Porch with George* series reviewed and updated.

HOUSE REPORT: November 2014

- Total visitors in November: 19 Adults; 23 Seniors; 4 Students; 0 Youth; 0 Children; plus walkthrough tours given during Althea's Garden Party.
- Trust Fund Balance: \$20,663 (expenditure account); \$3,472 (revenue account).
- Roxy O'Neal Bolton Fund: \$4,939 (unchanged).
- Regarding the proposed headboard donation offered by Whitney Huttig, staff reported that the owner decided instead to give the headboard to a family member.
- Rental requests:
  - 1) South Miami Garden Club: Staff will respond to the rental request submitted by Suzanne Brawner on behalf of the South Miami Garden Club for a February 3, 2015 meetings. Approximately 35 chairs will be needed inside the living room area.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the South Miami Garden Club House rental on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. (*Unanimously approved*)

- 2) The Villagers requested use of the House porch for a lemonade and cookies gathering on January 24, 2015, and for consideration of a fee waiver.

A motion was made and seconded to waive the fee for the Villagers for the Saturday, January 24th event. (*Unanimously approved*)

- 3) Two requests were received from Docent Juan Riera for Dade Heritage Days House tours, both scheduled for Saturday, March 14th: 1) 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. gathering of the Miami Memorabilia Cub (12 to 18 people);

- 4) 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. gathering of the Cuban Philatelic Society of America (approximately 15 people).

A motion was made and seconded to waive fees for both tours given by Mr. Riera. (*Unanimously approved*)

- University of Miami November 14, 2014 Event: Ms. Kautz reported that the event was excellent, as were the caterers. Lighting for the front porch was created by a lighting designer, using LED lights for minimal electrical impact; a security guard was on duty throughout the night; Arva Parks' presentation was well received; attendance reached approximately 100; a full

day's rental fee was paid.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Financial Aspects of SOTPWG Events

OLD BUSINESS: Toy Drive – Fire Department; Richard Merrick Paintings; State of Florida State Grant Application

NEW BUSINESS: Docent Application; Silent Auction Donor; Flower Pots Donated by Julie Petrella Arch

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Minutes of Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board meeting of December 8, 2014.