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Woman’s Club donates building to City Historic building will be used for community events

EUSTIS – The Eustis City Commission approved Resolution #09-29 at their regular City Commission Meeting on February 19, 2009 which accepted the donation of the property at 227 N. Center Street from the Woman’s Club of Eustis. Mayor Scott Ales further proclaimed February 19th as Woman’s Club of Eustis Day in the City to celebrate and honor the countless women who have dedicated their time and efforts in the betterment of the community for over 100 years. Accepting the proclamation were Barbara Coats, President, and Lona Siegel, Vice President of the Woman’s Club of Eustis.

The Woman’s Club of Eustis is rich in history. In 1902 a group of women joined together to form the Woman’s Club of Eustis as a study and discussion group which quickly involved itself in activities of and to the community. In 1925 a lot was purchased on the North Shore of Lake Eustis for \$1,890.00. The lot was later traded for the Center Street property with additional lots being purchased and donated. Construction was begun in 1930 and the building was dedicated at 227 North Center Street on November 10, 1931 at a total cost of \$9,452.44. The structure was designed by Alan J. MacDonough in the classical revival style, the same architect who designed Eustis City Hall and was listed on the National Register of Historic Sites in 1991.

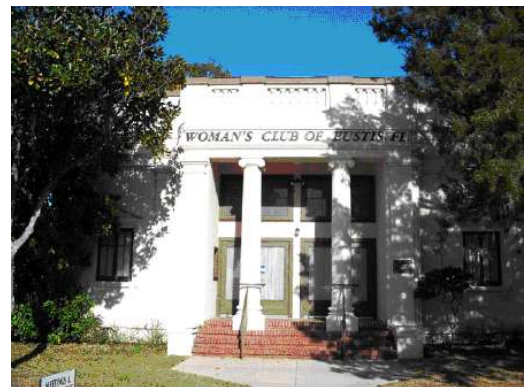
City Manager, Paul Berg states, “The Woman’s Club of Eustis building is a valuable asset to the community; is a historical building that should be preserved; and is a functional performance facility which will be a great entertainment venue. We are very grateful that the Woman’s Club of Eustis has entrusted the City of Eustis with the stewardship of this wonderful facility.”

City staff is currently evaluating the building needs so the building can be upgraded within the perimeters of its historic value.

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Barbara Coats and Lona Siegel are presented the City’s Proclamation by Mayor Ales during the February 19th City Commission Meeting.



The Woman’s Club of Eustis (File Photo).



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