

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the January 9, 2016 meeting

Approved by vote of the members attending the February 13, 2016 meeting

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:14 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 12 members attending. Allen Terrell gave the invocation.

The draft minutes of the November 14, 2015, meeting were taken up. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Ann Huff and seconded by Greg Barron. The motion carried.

President Report:

- The Open House on December 5 was a fantastic event with a large group of participants. VP Barron will have more on the event in his report.
- Heritage Day will be on May 7, 2016. The society needs to begin planning soon for this event. Pres. Taylor's initial thoughts are to focus on having a genealogy research table as the primary society effort.

Vice President Report:

- VP Barron thanked everyone who helped with the preparations and the activities of the Open House at the William Gardner house on December 5. There were about 325 attendees in addition to the volunteers working that day.
- The Lee-Jackson Banquet sponsored by the Stockdale Rangers SCV Camp will be held on January 16, 2016, at the Tangipahoa Baptist Church beginning about 6:30 pm. The SCV will provide the primary meat dishes and attendees should bring a covered dish of vegetables, casseroles, or desserts. The event is otherwise free to all. There will be both a speaker and a band featured.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock reported we have \$11,417.86 as balance on hand. Wayne Anderson made a motion to approve the report; Greg Barron seconded. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

Secretary Report: No report.

Pres. Taylor interjected an addendum to her report reminding members that if they don't have a membership ID badge (the clip-on stiff plastic type), notify Pres. Taylor so that she can see that badges are made. We would like for all members to wear ID badges at meetings and society events.

COMMITTEES:

Little Red Schoolhouse Committee: The LRSB has gotten a bit cluttered with materials out-of-place. We need to have a work day to get materials refilled and otherwise put back in place and need to do a bit of cleaning, particularly on the 2nd floor. It was suggested that interior work on the files be done following the February meeting and any outside work done after the March meeting, weather permitting.

Old Business: None

New Business: There have been several Confederate soldiers identified that (probably) died in the War but who were not listed on the Confederate Monument next to the Presbyterian Church. The society would like to see if anyone would like to assist in researching those names and any others that might have been overlooked with the intent of ultimately adding an additional marker near the monument to list the additional names.

Other Business: None

Announcements:

- VP Barron made an announcement of an event not sponsored by or affiliated with the ACHGS. There will be a rally in Jackson on January 19 in support of the current state flag which was adopted in 1894. The rally will begin about 10:00 am on the south side of the Capitol in Jackson; about midday several speakers will be featured.
- President Taylor reported that a tentative date of March 5 has been set for a clean-up day at Rodney. Several members has participated in this project in the past and a group will likely go up this year. (After

the meeting but before these minutes were drafted, Pres. Taylor was informed the date of the clean-up has been rescheduled to April 2.)

- James Allen Causey reported that he had recently attended a reunion of his military unit at the World War II Museum in New Orleans. The museum extends invitations to groups such as the society for arranging group tours of the museum if we should ever want to plan a field trip.
- David Dreyer announced that on February 26 Natchez will host an event featuring Bill Farris at 9:00 am, a program on Colonial Natchez at 11:30 am, and possibly a presentation by author and Natchez resident Greg Iles.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.