

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of February 8, 2014 meeting

Approved by vote of members attending the April 12, 2014 meeting

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:10 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 15 attendees. Greg Barron gave the invocation.

Pres. Taylor then moved to the draft January meeting minutes. She asked if anyone had corrections or objections to the draft minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Lea made a motion to adopt the minutes; Mary Anne Huff seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

President Report:

- The Steering Committee has not met yet so there is no news.
- Raffle tickets are still for sale.
- Work has begun on a design for a souvenir doubloon for the Battle of Liberty commemoration. (A doubloon from the Bicentennial was passed around as an example for those that haven't seen one previously.)
- The Rodney trip is scheduled for March 8. It will replace the regular meeting for March. Car poolers should be at the LRSH/Library area early enough to allow an 8:00 am departure. The group will go to Lorman to meet others coming from elsewhere and for a bathroom break. The group will be at Rodney from 10:00 am to noon, will picnic at Rodney (bring something for your lunch). The group will go back to Natchez to go on Allen Terrell's arranged tour of Natchez City Cemetery led by Don Estes (2:00 pm) and, afterward, will visit Alice Carol Gray's home in Natchez. Call President Taylor if you need to work out any issues.
- May 3 is Heritage Day. Debbie & Fred Miller will do portrayals of Rev. Shirk and his wife. Volunteers to help with LRSH and with meeting room activities are needed. Mrs. Phares has donated a quilt to the society so we will have a Heritage Day-only raffle. President Taylor suggested that we have a Battle of Franklin display in the meeting room.

Vice President Report: VP Nancy Martin deferred to Oma Gordon and President Taylor regarding the status of Find-a-Grave updating. President Taylor explained status; each volunteer is asked to take a whole cemetery at a time to update existing grave listings and add any new ones. Mrs. Oma discussed a couple of newly discovered cemeteries and the need to photograph them before the weather gets too hot. Greg Barron mentioned that a Weathersby Cemetery that is far off the road has been found on the David Anderson property (west of Liberty, north of Hwy 24).

Secretary Report: Secy. Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock was absent but sent a report. President Taylor gave the report which shows a bank balance of \$7891.55 with more recent receipts still to add. Kit Prestridge made a \$100 donation in honor of Mrs. Vera. Greg Barron made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Oma Gordon seconded. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

OPEN HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mary Ann Gerhardt added a thank you to Wayne Anderson for providing music at the Open House.

LRSH COMMITTEE: There was no activity at the LRSH in the last month.

STEERING COMMITTEE: No activity.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- President Taylor asked if the group wanted to do another T-shirt. This one will be a new shirt with reference to the Battle of Liberty. Volunteers are needed to run the T-shirt project.
- The committees list needs to be updated. Suggestions from members are needed.

Other Business: Greg Barron gave a report on the SCV Lee-Jackson banquet. The band was good; they can be available to the society. President Taylor wants to have them for the Battle of Liberty weekend.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.