

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of February 12, 2011 meeting

Adopted by vote of members attending the April 9, 2011 meeting

President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 9:55 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 15 attendees. Pres. Barron gave the invocation.

President Report: Pres. Barron reported that the field trip to tour the Vaughn House in Magnolia is set for the March 12, 2011, meeting. Those attending should assemble at the LRSH by 9:00 am to car pool to Magnolia. A parking place will be determined by the time of the trip and attendees will be asked to park and board a bus for the tour. It is expected that the tour will consist of the Vaughn House as well as one of the older local churches. The tour will cost \$10.00 each payable upon arrival. A group lunch will be held for those interested at the local restaurant run by Jimmy Harris.

Vice President Report: VP Dawn Taylor covered two topics:

- She asked whether the group thought the 2012 calendar proposed at the January meeting should be printed in black/white or color. No consensus was reached but VP Taylor will evaluate both formats to see which would be the most cost effective to allow the selling price to be kept reasonable so as to maximize sales.
- For Heritage Day, she suggested that the society provide a number of demonstrations of old crafts and handiwork such as quilting. Arrangements have been made for crafts such as spinning, knitting, crocheting and candlemaking to be demonstrated. The society seemed to agree that the quilting demonstration would be interesting and some of the ladies agreed to assist. VP Taylor then asked if anyone had an assembled quilt top that they would donate. Hearing no conclusive commitment, she asked that if anyone found that they had one (or had pre-cut pieces to be sewn together) to notify her as soon as possible. She also requested that anyone else willing to help with the sewing on Heritage Day contact her to be put on the volunteer list. She suggested that any men who could offer other crafts to step up and volunteer. She concluded with a suggestion that anyone who had hand-picked cotton as a youngster write down their memories of that chore from by-gone days with the possibility of assembling those memoirs into a short publication for the future.

The draft minutes from the January 8, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Oma Gordon made a motion to approve; Vera Prestridge seconded. The minutes were approved as written by vote of the members present.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave a written report. The society account currently stands at \$4630.89. Linda Lea made a motion to approve the report; Dawn Taylor seconded. The report was approved without dissent.

LRSH COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that:

- The DAR sponsored a tour of the LRSH on 1/30 for the Children of the American Revolution.
- She received a thank-you note with a \$25 donation.

Old Business: None

New Business: The following were discussed:

- President Barron asked for members and others known to members to consider donating items to the LRSH museum to be displayed on a rotating basis so as to not clutter the relatively small available space. The LRSH committee will need to evaluate anything offered to see if it is appropriate in age and historical context to Amite County and to prevent duplicating display with items already present.
- President Barron recognized Jim Freeman who reported that he had secured the Amite County land abstract books that were reported on at a previous meeting. They have been collected from the company who put together the abstracts over a number of years and will be available for review from indexed storage boxes on the 2nd floor of the LRSH.

- President Barron recognized Norman Stevenson who announced that he is running for Supervisor in Amite County and that one of his goals is for the county to obtain the old Peoria depot on the Liberty White RR line and relocate it to a site in or near Liberty to be used as a historical site and museum.
- Kenneth Gordon announced that the Town of Liberty and/or the Chamber of Commerce are evaluating relocation of the Jerry Clower museum to Liberty to be featured as a historical site of interest for tourists.
- Frances Phares clarified that the second family genealogy book in Volume 2 of the publication is not the same as the first book. They are Volume 2, No. 1 and Volume 2, No. 2.

Other Business: The following were discussed:

- Jim Freeman showed a copy of a book which concerned a freed slave that returned to Africa.
- David Dreyer gave more information on the individual mentioned by Jim Freeman. He was Ibrahim, Abd al-Rahman who had been a prince in his African nation, thus he became known as "Prince" in slavery. A film about his life has been produced and will be given a special showing in Natchez on June 5, 2011, from 2:30 until 5:30 pm at the Natchez Convention Center.
- Mary Ann Gearhardt announced that Jimmy Honea is still undergoing treatment for the kidney problems that arose from his recent heart trouble. He is currently undergoing dialysis on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week. Anyone wishing to visit him should avoid those days.

The business meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by James Allen Causey at 11:20 am.