

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the April 8, 2017 meeting

Approved by vote of members attending the June 10, 2017 meeting

The meeting was held at the site of the Confederate Monument adjacent to the Presbyterian Church. Ladies of the Brent Rifles Chapter #2137 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy conducted a short program assisted by members of the ACHGS, as described in the following:

- UDC Prayer—Tammy Strickland, UDC Chapter President
- “The Significance of Confederate History Month”—Rita Brister, UDC Chapter Historian and Past President
- Raising of the flag by ACHGS VP Greg Barron and Secretary Wayne Anderson
- Salute to the Confederate Flag—Sonya Johnson, UDC Chapter Recording Secretary and Allen Terrell, flag bearer
- Singing of “Dixie” led by Gail Spinnato, UDC Chapter Member.

President Dawn Taylor then called the ACHGS business meeting to order at 10:15 am. There were 17 attendees present.

The minutes of the February 11 and March 11, 2017, meetings were considered for approval. Sylvia Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes; Nelson Dawson seconded. The two sets of minutes were approved without dissent.

President Report:

- The society will have both the Library meeting room and the Little Red School House open on Heritage Day, May 6, 2017, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. A brief business meeting will be held at 9:30 am in the LRSH to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and authorize proceeding into the annual election process for officers. Anyone wishing to run for office or nominate someone (they must be willing to serve) should be present. VP Greg Barron will need volunteers to help manage traffic through the LRSH during its publicly open hours. Volunteers should contact Greg directly at williamgbarron@msn.com or by telephone at 601-810-7843.
- The New Orleans field trip on March 18, 2017, went well and all attendees seemed to enjoy themselves.
- The society is planning a field trip on Saturday, May 20, 2017, to the reenactment of the Battle of Champion Hill with a subsequent trip on to the Canton area to see a display of slave cabins. A bus will be arranged for if sufficient attendees indicate interest. Contact Dawn Taylor for details and sign-up at rdawnt@gmail.com or by phone at 225-719-2379.
- Preliminary interest is being sought on whether any members would be interested in attending the annual historical event at Ft. Mims in Alabama on August 26, 2017. Due to the distance and the rural location of Ft. Mims, this trip may have to be an overnight one. More specifics will be developed in the near future.

Vice President Report: VP Barron’s only information was to report that a Mr. Griffin had visited the LRSH with his granddaughter recently.

Secretary Report: None.

Treasurer Report: None presented.

A motion was made by Terry Ferguson to accept the executive reports; Kay Berry seconded. The motion carried.

COMMITTEES: No additional reports.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Announcements: Sylvia Jackson reported that the Brookhaven SCV Camp would be doing cemetery clean-up at the Williams Cemetery north of Ruth (Lincoln County) on Topisaw Church Road in the afternoon. If anyone would like to help or visit the cemetery, they would be welcome to travel over after the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Ferguson and seconded by Neil Randall. The motion carried.

Draft minutes prepared by Wayne Anderson, 7/1/2017