

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the April 9, 2016 meeting

Approved by vote of members attending the June 11, 2016 meeting

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 16 members attending. Bert Blalock gave the invocation at Pres. Taylor's request.

The draft minutes of the March 12, 2016, meeting were taken up. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gay Blalock and seconded by Frances Phares. The motion carried.

President Report:

- Nancy Martin has been appointed Chair of the Nominations Committee with Jim Freeman and Mary Ann Gerhardt continuing as members of the committee. Anyone wishing to nominate candidates for society offices for the next fiscal year should communicate that information to Nancy before May 7th.
- There will be a brief business meeting in the conference room of the Liberty Library at 8:30 am on May 7th prior to commencement of Heritage Day activities to finalize/close the nominations and set the slate of candidates for the election of officers for the next fiscal year.
- For Heritage Day on May 7th genealogy researchers will be on hand to in the conference room of the Liberty Library from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm to share their Amite County Family research and assist new researchers to get started. Eva Frances Dixon Phares is heading up this effort. Volunteers are needed to give tours of the Little Red Schoolhouse and to share genealogy research. Well know Amite County historian and former ACHAGS President Joey Wall will have his collection of "scrapbooks" available also.

Vice President Report: VP Greg Barron had no report

Secretary Report: Sect. Wayne Anderson was not present.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave the Treasurer's report. Due to lack of activity, the current account balance for the society remains at \$11,269.97. Sue Severson made motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Mary Ann Gerhardt seconded. The motion carried.

COMMITTEES: No reports,.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: Pres. Taylor announced the receipt of the copy of a Xerox copy of the Archibald (Buchanan) Steel family papers, dating from 1830-1897, currently archived at LSU. It includes a copy of his store ledger - listing many familiar Amite County names. We hope to have these papers in shape for sharing on May 7th.

Announcements: Mrs. Frances Phares shared that she had served as tour guide to Lisa Roark Haner and her family from North Carolina as they visited Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Little Red Schoolhouse. They have Amite County roots. Mrs. Roark is interested in contacting anyone who might have information on the families of Thomas Jefferson Roark and his wife Jane E. Forrest Roark or their son Eldridge Waldo Roark and his wife Nancy Jane Coventry Roark.

The meeting adjourned to the program at 10:24 am. Sue and Ralph Severson presented the Amite County Family Bible archive they are compiling and information about the www.familysearch.org website. The program closed at 11:15.