

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of April 11, 2015 meeting

Approved by vote of members attending the June 13, 2015 meeting

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:16 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 15 members attending. Greg Barron gave the invocation.

The minutes from the March 14, 2015, meeting were approved. A motion was made by Sam King and seconded by Greg Barron. The motion carried.

President Report:

- Heritage Day is May 2, 2015. The society will be on the green area next to the LRSH. Mrs Phares will have her genealogical information in the LRSH for visitors to look at. The society will have no exhibits or merchandise in the Library Conference Room but we will have it reserved so that we may have a brief business meeting prior to officially beginning Heritage Day and so that members can access the library bathrooms. If anyone brings food or drink, it will also be kept there.
- The society needs to move out all the merchandise remaining from the Battle of Liberty event and from the calendar sales. Calendars will be marked down to \$4.00 each. Some child-size T-shirts as well a few adult medium and adult very large sizes remain from Nov. 8.
- Nominations for officers for the next fiscal year need to be finalized so that they can be officially adopted for the ballot at the Heritage Day meeting. If you have a nomination to make, please contact Linda Lea, chair of the Nominating Committee or be present for the brief meeting on May 2.

Vice President Report: No report.

Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock reported we have \$10,228.94 as balance on hand. Sam King made a motion to approve the report; Nelson Dawson seconded. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEES:

- Nominating Committee: See President's report.
- Little Red School House: Greg Barron reported that the LRSH had several visitors in the last month. He described an issue arising from a visitor doing research for reasons other than just genealogical purposes. Many of the family names he sought were not Amite Co. families. He requested that a large volume of copying from the LRSH files be done for him. Due to the difficulties associated with copying large batches of paperwork on our slow copier, the time otherwise needed to do such jobs, and the possible issue of a requester wanting a legal certification of accuracy on the records copied (such as was being pursued by this recent visitor), it has been decided that we will not accommodate request for large numbers of copies. A questioner raised the issue of whether our current charge per page for copying is sufficient to cover the cost to the society for offering this service. Following some discussion from which it was concluded from the consensus of the attendees that the per page charge for copying should be increased to \$0.25 per page from \$0.15.

Old Business: The field trip to Jackson to tour the old and new capitol buildings has had to be postponed due to conflicts at the new capitol building. A substitute trip locally is planned for those interested. The April 25 trip will include a tour of the Gardner home (later referred to as the Parker home), a catered lunch at the Fellowship Hall of East Fork Baptist Church, and a tour of an antebellum house near Magnolia that is currently undergoing restoration. This tour is for paying members in good standing only.

New Business: There will be a Confederate Memorial Service at the Confederate Cemetery on Marston St. in Clinton, LA, on April 26, 2015, at 4:30 pm. If you attend and are unable to stand for a half to one hour, please bring a lawn chair. Dewey DeLee will host a supper at his home in Clinton following the service.

Other Business:

- Sam King has a donation from Mrs. Bess Simmons of a hand-drawn map of the Shady Grove Community. He also has obtained a memorial plaque that originally was displayed in the Crosby Methodist Church that

has small plates on it giving the name of World War II soldiers. Some of the plates have fallen off and Sam has given it to Virgil Roberts who will be working to try to discern what names are missing.

- President Dawn Taylor reported that George Bragg has asked if there is a Hurricane Creek in Amite County that could have lent its name to the Hurricane Creek Cemetery.
- Mary Ann Gerhardt brought a copy of the *Enterprise-Journal* newspaper that featured a photo of James Allen Causey and Mr. Blue Forman celebrating Mr. Forman's 90th birthday, Mrs. Forman's 87th birthday, and their 66th wedding anniversary.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.