

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of April 12, 2014 meeting

Approved by vote of members attending the June 14, 2014 meeting

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 21 attendees. Bert Blalock gave the invocation and blessed the refreshments. Visitors Stefania Svetich and Regina Melson were welcomed as was returning member Marti Lovett.

Pres. Taylor then moved to the draft February 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. Sam King made a motion to adopt the minutes; Nancy Martin seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

President Report:

- On Heritage Day (May 3) the society will operate in three venues—the Library conference room, the LRSH, and a booth in the vendor area in the parking lot of the old Kellwood plant. Genealogy information including Mrs. Frances Phares' books will be available in the conference room. There will also be sales of DVDs and t-shirts and a hospitality area for society members. The LRSH will be open for visitors. Both the conference room and the LRSH will be open from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The vendor booth will be open from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. The volunteers there will be selling the society merchandise, raffle tickets for the November 8 raffle, and subscriptions for the Battle of Liberty commemorative bronze doubloon.
- Linda Lea was recognized and she reminded the group that the officer nominations for the next fiscal year must be finalized by the May 3 date.

Vice President Report: VP Nancy Martin reported:

- The Find-a-Grave updating effort needs more volunteers.
- The new society t-shirts (commemorating the Battle of Liberty) should be in by Heritage Day. They will be available in two colors, blue and gray.
- Regina Melson showed pictures of a quilt created by her sister-in-law Dorothy Melson featuring a Confederate First National (Stars and Bars) design. Dorothy Melson is donating this quilt to the society to auction off as a fund-raiser on November 8 during the Battle of Liberty commemoration.

Secretary Report: Secy. Anderson was absent.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report shows a bank balance of \$8421.28. Sam King made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Dawn Taylor seconded. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

LRSH COMMITTEE: Mrs. Vera Prestridge announced that she has resigned as chairman and Joanna Hearn has resigned as co-chair of the committee citing health reasons. The Executive Committee has appointed Greg Barron as chairman. The attendees gave Mrs. Vera a standing ovation for her work with the LRSH.

At this point discussion was held on the planned field trip on April 13 to visit Prospect Hill, Rocky Springs, and Christ Church at Church Hill.

STEERING COMMITTEE: Reported:

- There was additional discussion on the Melson quilt donation for auction.
- The Liberty Chamber of Commerce has pledged to do all they can in support of the society with respect to the Battle of Liberty commemoration.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Mary Pallon has donated a large number of books and other research material to the society for the library.

- Mrs. Frances Phares reported that the next book in her family history/genealogy series should be ready for sale by Heritage Day.

Other Business: None

The business meeting adjourned.