

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of June 8, 2013, meeting

Approved with corrections by vote of the members attending the August 10, 2013 meeting

President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:03 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 17 attendees. Sam King gave the invocation.

Pres. Barron welcomed everyone to the meeting then moved directly to the minutes of the meetings in April and May. Pres. Barron asked if anyone had any corrections to either set of minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Oma Gordon made a motion to adopt the minutes; Dawn Taylor seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

President Report:

- Pres. Barron thanked all the members for their support of the society and of him during his time as president. He gave a brief review of the society's first nine year.
- He plans to meet with Max Lawson about getting repairs made to the front façade and the leak in the rear of the LRSH. He hopes to also get the repaired areas repainted.
- He touted the DVD with the photographic "walking tour" of Liberty in past eras and thanked Sam King and Dawn Taylor for their efforts in producing the DVD.
- He has finally found a period case for the wet plate image of the officers that was made during the Bicentennial.
- A card was passed around for members to sign. It will be presented to Bill Rimes later in the day.

Vice President Report:

- VP Dawn Taylor thanked everyone who helped with Heritage Day.
- She reported that she, Jim Freeman, and Joanna Hearn attended the cemetery workshop held at Natchez in mid-May. A program will be put together for the society summarizing the main points covered in the workshop.
- Because of the likelihood of hot weather, the tentative field trip to Vicksburg that had been discussed previously will not likely be held.
- She mentioned a request that the society had received from a New York archivist asking about a killing involving a teacher named Hood in Gloster near the end of the nineteenth century.
- Mrs. Phares has sold out of the latest publication of family history.

Secretary Report: Secy. Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock reported that the society currently has a bank balance of \$5877.74. Dawn Taylor made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Sam King seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Items included:

- Jim Freeman circulated a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in obtaining seedling cucumber magnolia plants.
- Dawn Taylor and others discussed the effort to involve more Gloster and western Amite County residents in the society. A possible venue for open house has been found in Gloster (Huff Property) if open house can be scheduled for the second Saturday (12/14/13) instead of the customary first Saturday. A final decision will be made at the August meeting.
- Sam King announced that the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Battle of Liberty will be held 11/14/14 and suggested that this be used as the open house event for next year.

LRSH COMMITTEE REPORT:

- President Barron thanked Mrs. Vera Prestridge for her efforts with the LRSH on Heritage Day.
- Mrs. Vera thanked all the volunteers who helped with the LRSH visitors on Heritage Day.
- Mrs. Vera reported that Bernell McGehee brought a school class to tour the LRSH on May 2. A total of 31 toured.
- She reported that on 5/17/13 a Mrs. Carol Peck arranged for a Mr. and Mrs. Causey to tour the LRSH.

Other Business:

- VP Taylor presented a thank-you gift to Pres. Barron, Mrs. Oma Gordon, and Mrs. Vera Prestridge.
- Mrs. Vera Prestridge introduced a new member, Mrs. Miller.
- Mary Ann Gerhardt showed a unique item, a mayonnaise maker from the early 20th century..

Pres. Barron gave the closing prayer and blessed the food that volunteers had brought. While the slide show of the Rodney tour was being set up, the Nominating Committee announced the results of the voting on officers. The results were 40 votes cast, unanimous for the recommended candidate slate.

The business portion meeting adjourned at about 11:30 am.