

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the June 10, 2017 meeting
Approved by vote of members attending the August 12, 2017 meeting

The meeting was held in the Little Red School House. President Dawn Taylor called the ACHGS business meeting to order at 10:13 am. There were 14 attendees present.

V.P. Greg Barron gave the invocation. He included special of Mrs. Frances Phares and Dewey Delee praying for divine help in overcoming their current physical problems.

The minutes of the April 8 and May 6, 2017, meetings were considered for approval. Allen Terrell made a motion to approve the minutes; Nelson Dawson seconded. The two sets of minutes were approved without dissent.

President Report:

- Dawn Taylor attended the recent Southwest Mississippi Genealogical Society meeting and heard a program on the Scenic Rivers Development project which seeks to boost tourism in the area.
- Plans are coming together for the field trip to Fort Mims for the reenactment and other activities taking place on August 26 & 27, 2017. Current plans are leave on Friday about 3:00 pm and travel to a motel in the area so that most of Saturday can be devoted to the Ft. Mims activities. Once the list of attendees is finalized and depending on the attendees desires and abilities, an earlier departure time may be set so as to allow reaching the area earlier.
- Heritage Day activities went well with about 150 visitors to the Little Red School House.

Vice President Report: VP Barron reported that the Open House this year will be on December 2, 2017, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Amite County Courthouse. County offices (other than tax assessor) will be open to the public. Society members will be needed to assist with the activities and the management of visitors during the event.

Secretary Report: None.

Treasurer Report: None; Treasurer absent

A motion was made by Sylvia Johnson to accept the executive reports; Greg Barron seconded. The motion carried.

COMMITTEES: Pres. Taylor reported on the status of the election process for officers. She read the slate of candidates (all incumbents) and reported that concluding the election at the meeting would not be possible since the ballots cast by mail (the majority) were in the hands of Treasurer Gay Blalock who receives the mail and she was not present. Attempts to contact her by phone have failed. The results of the voting will, therefore, have to be reported in the next newsletter.

Old Business: Pres. Taylor reported that there are only ten copies of the Sue Severson Bible Records book left for sale at the Little Red School House.

New Business:

- The field trip to visit Camp Moore in Tangipahoa Parish, LA, which had been tentatively planned for this month after the meeting, will now be planned for September 9, 2017, following the meeting.
- Although not finalized at this point, the society may have a guest at the August 12 meeting. A lady with a lot of stories from her early years in this area may be able to come relate some of those stories. She is over 90 so her stories are from the early 20th century.
- Preliminary planning is underway for a multi-day field trip next spring to the Shiloh Battlefield. Current planning is looking at having a bus to travel to Memphis where a train will be taken on to Shiloh. Arrangements for return are yet to be made. There will be more on this as details develop.

Other Business: None

Announcements:

- Sylvia Johnson who is active in the Fort Mims event gave a brief run-down of the activities that take place. Admission to the event is \$5.00 per person. The day begins with an opening ceremony which is followed by a reenactment of the "Battle of Burnt Corn." The small museum on the site will be open over most of the two days of the event and, in addition to artifacts normally housed there, will have artifacts loaned by the State of Alabama Archives.
- Some newer members have asked about the society logo T-shirts and Dawn Taylor is looking into having a new run made. Note that the shirts are intended for members only and are not to be sold or given away to non-members. Dawn is looking into current costs. Contact her by email at rdawnt@gmail.com and provide the size(s) needed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Barron and seconded by Mary Ann Gerhardt. The motion carried.