

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of June 11, 2011 meeting

Approved by vote of members attending the 13 August 2011 meeting

President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:00 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 15 attendees. James Allen Causey gave the invocation.

The draft minutes from the April 9, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Oma Gordon made a motion to approve; Vera Prestridge seconded. The minutes were approved as written by vote of the members present. The draft of the abbreviated minutes from the May 14, 2011 meeting were also presented for approval. Dawn Taylor made a motion to approve; Frances Phares seconded. The minutes were approved as written by vote of the members present.

President Report: Pres. Barron reported that:

- The Heritage Day activities and displays were well received by the visitors. Dawn Taylor was commended for organizing the Heritage Day event.
- The question of whether the ACAHGS will receive the John H. Parker papers for the research library has now been settled. The society will not receive the papers. The society plans no further involvement with the disposition of the papers nor with any use to which they may be put for historical and genealogical research.

Vice President Report: VP Dawn Taylor thanked all that helped with the displays and demonstrations on Heritage Day.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson reported that the society web site has finally been restored to about the same condition and with the same content it had before it was hacked and contaminated with a virus.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave a written report. The society account currently stands at \$4765.06. Oma Gordon made a motion to approve the report; Wayne Anderson seconded. The report was approved without dissention.

LRSB COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that the LRSB had 168 visitors on Heritage Day. She thanked all those that helped with the LRSB. She also reported that the society had received the donation of an old family home bell. The bell had belonged to the Gordon family but had come into the possession of Roy Wilkerson who donated it to the society.

Old Business: None

New Business: The question was raised again about publishing a member list/phone directory. It was pointed out that a significant number of members had objected in the past to their info being made public since persons outside the society could easily obtain a copy of the list. It was suggested that members be asked to opt in or out insofar as data being published; however, this would likely cause a great deal of work to keep the list current and make changes as members changed their minds or the member rolls changed. There is no plan at present to publish a list for use by the general membership. Special lists can be made for committee chairpersons and officers as the need arises; however, such special use lists are not to be published publicly.

Other Business: The only remaining business was conclusion of the voting for the next year's officers and the counting of votes. The business meeting was suspended to allow the voting to be completed.

Mrs. Frances Phares introduced the society's guest speaker for the quarterly program, Dr. Jimmy Robertson. Doctor Robertson has written two books, Jimmy's Hope and Sweet Alice; the latter is an autobiography. He is currently working on a third book. He read selected passages from the books.

Following the presentation, Linda Lea, chair of the Nominating Committee, gave the results of the voting. There were 48 ballots returned; however, only 45 were voted, all for the nominated candidates.

Norman Stevenson gave the closing prayer and the business meeting was adjourned.