

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of August 9, 2014 meeting

Approved by vote of members attending the September 13, 2014 meeting

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:01 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 15 attendees. President Taylor suggested that those in the back move closer to the podium so that hearing the proceeding would not be a problem. Guests were introduced (unfortunately this secretary could not hear the names of the guests when introductions were made). Greg Barron gave the invocation.

Pres. Taylor then moved to the draft minutes of the June 14, 2014 meeting. 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; Joanne Hearn seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

President Report:

- There has been no Steering Committee meeting in the last month. A brief meeting is planned following the society meeting. A more formal meeting will be held on August 16.
- Pres. Taylor is trying to use the blog feature of the Battle of Liberty web site to promote other aspects of Amite County.
- The DVDs has sold well. Sales were aided by an article written by Ernest Herndon in the *Enterprise Journal* newspaper.
- Pres. Taylor recognized Greg Barron who asked if a calendar would be done this year. He pointed out that work would need to begin immediately in order to have a calendar to sell at the November 8 Battle of Liberty commemoration. After some discussion it was decided to not pursue a calendar this year since we have so many other activities in progress. Will look at doing one next year.
- Pres. Taylor showed some examples of a project Sam King has been working on to get photos and create a map of all the water mills that once ran in Amite County.
- Pres. Taylor reported that the Battle of Liberty reenactment will probably not be possible due to a shortage of reenactors that can be present. She suggested that an alternative may be to have first-person reenactments of Confederates and others buried in the Liberty Cemetery.
- Four churches has committed to provide food vending on November 8. One or two more may be added by then.

Vice President Report: VP Nancy Martin was not present due to her injuries from a car wreck. Pres. Taylor explained the details.

Secretary Report: Secy. Anderson had no report.

Dewey DeLee interjected the suggestion that a sympathy card be sent to Mrs. Frances Phares expressing condolences on the death of her sister.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report shows a bank balance of \$8911.79. Greg Barron made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Wayne Anderson seconded. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

LRSB COMMITTEE:

- Greg Barron reported that there were three visitors during the last month who were researching the Whittington family.
- A number of visitors from the Blalock reunion were hosted recently.
- The LRSB now has more genealogy reference materials than the library.
- A collection of genealogy material covering Amite, Franklin, and Pike Counties was discovered to be available for purchase. The entire lot was obtained for \$150.
- Authentic 1860s artifacts are needed for the Battle of Liberty display. If anyone knows of artifacts that could be loaned for the November 8 weekend event, please let Greg Barron know.

STEERING COMMITTEE: No new information. See President's report above.

Old Business:

- Pres. Taylor presented Life Member certificates to Sam King and Jim Freeman.
- Pres. Taylor reported that Mrs. Vera Prestridge sent a Thank You card for the June celebration of her birthday and her retirement as chair of the LRSH Committee.

New Business:

- Pres. Taylor asked that members who attended classes in the LRSH to write their memories and e-mail them to her for posting on the blog.
- Anyone who wants to attend the Angels on the Bluff this year should put their name on the list being circulated. Pres. Taylor will buy the tickets and each attendee will pay her. The event is usually on the second weekend in November but specifics for this year have not been made public yet. Once tickets go on sale they are sold out fast so anyone wanting to go should sign the list.
- Other possible field trips being considered are trips to CelticFest in Jackson and to Beauvoir in November.
- The annual Sacred Harp singing at Antioch Church (north of Forest, MS) will be on August 23rd.

Other Business:

- Mrs. Vera Prestridge asked if the society will have liability insurance effective when we have events at such places as the LRSH. Pres. Taylor replied that the Steering Committee will have insurance coverage that covers the day of the event only.
- Pres. Taylor reminded members of all the items that will be in the drawing on the day of the Battle of Liberty commemoration.
- Billy Anders reported that the Presbyterian Church in Gloster is available.
- Billy Anders reported that the Wilk-Amite Record may be taken over by another entity so, hopefully, it will continue to be published.
- Billy Anders asked who was responsible in the county for placing name signs on waterways that cross the roads. He would like to see Tanyard Creek marked with name signs.
- Billy Anders has published a book on aviation entitled Foxtrot, We're on the Way.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:57 am.