

## AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of August 13, 2011 meeting

Approved by vote of the members attending the September 10, 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. Gay Blalock gave the invocation.

The draft minutes from the June 11, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Oma Gordon made a motion to approve; Ann Brumfield seconded. The minutes were approved as written by vote of the members present.

President Report: Pres. Barron commented on the recent death of society member and friend, Jimmy Honea. He gave a brief description of the somewhat old-fashioned funeral and added a few personal comments about Jimmy Honea and his life.

Vice President Report: VP Dawn reported that:

- Work is continuing on the quilt to complete it before the open house in December.
- Raffle tickets are still available for sale and members are encouraged to pick up tickets to sell to friends and relatives.
- VP Taylor and several other members accepted the invitation of the SW Mississippi Genealogical Society and attended the tour of the Burris house recently.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson reported that the society had received a request from the Mississippi representative of the web site "What Was There" for submission of photos of old buildings and other historic sites. These will be featured on the web site in a comprehensive collection of photos of historic places for the whole country. The Mississippi representative is Katie Hardcastle. She may be reached at [Khardcastle@enlighten.com](mailto:Khardcastle@enlighten.com).

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave a written report. The society account currently stands at \$4855.02. Linda Lea made a motion to approve the report; Dawn Taylor seconded. The report was approved without dissention. Gay also presented a book on the Blalock family to the society for the LRSB records.

LRSB COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported:

- Two separate visitors doing family research visited the LRSB since the last meeting. One visitor came all the way from Wisconsin.
- She introduced Mrs. Jan Villar and her mother, who was born and reared in Liberty. Mrs. Villar discussed some of her family's history which involved the old "school farm" back when the school operated as a boarding school and taught agricultural vocation subjects. She brought some artifacts dating back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, including a school graduation announcement from 1924 that she donated to the LRSB.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: Pres. Barron recognized Mrs. Frances Phares who discussed the following:

- Family history booklets are for sale.
- She has received a notebook of information collected by Mary Lou Cain, including a book on the Cain family.
- She has arranged for Jim Hendrickson to give the society a program in September. Mr. Hendrickson is retired from the military and now restores historic homes. He is particularly active in Jackson, LA.
- If members have suggestions for society programs, please give them to her or to Jim Freeman, who is assisting.
- She also needs more submissions of genealogy and stories of the past.

President Barron gave the closing prayer and the business meeting was adjourned.