

## AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of September 10, 2011 meeting

Approved by vote of the membership attending the October 8, 2011 meeting

President Greg Barron called the meeting to order at 10:05 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 20 attendees. Gay Blalock gave the invocation.

To accommodate the needs of the speaker, USAF Col. James L. Hendrickson, Ret., the program was moved to the beginning of the meeting. Following an introduction by Mrs. Frances Phares, Col. Hendrickson gave an overview of all the work that he and others have done researching and documenting the land ownership and age of older dwellings in the town of Jackson, LA.

At the conclusion of the program about 10:55 am, the business meeting resumed. The draft minutes from the August 13, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Mrs. Villar pointed out that her last name in the draft was spelled incorrectly with only one "l." Secretary Anderson noted the correct spelling for the final minutes. Linda Lea made a motion to approve; Dan Morgan seconded. The minutes were approved as written by vote of the members present.

President Report: Pres. Barron commented that he had nothing specific to report.

Vice President Report: Pres. Barron present VP Dawn Taylor's report since she could not be present:

- The Decatur Butler House will be the site of the society's Open House on the first Saturday in December.
- The Open House will be held from 12 noon until 3:00 pm A bluegrass band has been lined up to provide music. A sign-up sheet for members agreeing to bring food will be circulated as soon as possible but no later than the November meeting.
- Raffle tickets are still available for sale and members are encouraged to pick up tickets to sell to friends and relatives. See Dawn Taylor to either buy tickets or pick up tickets for sale. If any members have sold tickets already, please give the money and ticket stubs to Gay Blalock.

Secretary Report: Secy. Wayne Anderson had nothing to report.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave a written report. The society account currently stands at \$4989.02. Vera Prestridge made a motion to approve the report; Wayne Anderson seconded. The report was approved without dissention.

LRSB COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Vera Prestridge reported that there had been no visitors in the last month.

Old Business: If any of the members that are handy with needle and thread want to sew on the quilt, please contact Dawn Taylor to arrange a work session.

New Business: New business included:

- Pres. Barron recognized Mr. Isaiah Selmon and Mr. Jerome Selmon. They indicated that they were wanting to form a society focused on Black history and genealogy. They asked that anyone wishing to give advice on how to go about such a venture to please get in touch with them.
- Mrs. Laramore related details on her first dealings with David Dreyer when he was researching the Hansberry family.
- David Dreyer reported that there will be an observance in the near future of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the alleged slave rebellion that took place south of Natchez around Kingston.
- Jim Freeman donated a book, Natchez Before 1830.
- President Barron donated two books, Pictorial History of the Second World War, Vols. I and III.
- Guest speaker James Hendrickson donated a copy of Journey to War's Eve, An Antebellum History of Jackson, LA.
- Jan Villar showed an old insurance policy certificate from 1921 issued by the Heralds of Liberty. She wants to know if anyone knows any details of the history of the company or the sale of insurance in the local area.
- Mrs. Frances Phares announced that the program in October will be about exploring what information is in the files and records in the LRSB.

- Mrs. Vera Prestridge announced that volunteers are needed to do additional work identifying and indexing records in the LRSH.

Other Business: None

Mrs. Irene Van Norman gave the closing prayer and the business meeting was adjourned at about 11:30 am.