

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the September 10, 2016 meeting
Approved by the vote of members attending the October 8, 2016 meeting

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:10 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 19 members attending. Bert Blalock gave the invocation.

The minutes of the June 11, 2016, meeting were taken up for approval. A motion to approve was made by Greg Barron and seconded by Allen Terrell. The motion carried

President Report:

- Work is continuing on cataloging the LRSB book collection. Any borrowed books need to be returned by October 8th meeting so that the process can be completed. There will be a suspension on checking out materials until this is completed.
- Scanning of Amite County School Attendance records was begun over the summer. The Liberty Rosenwald School is to be the first one scanned. The plan is to scan these and make them available to researchers probably online. It is a very slow process but well worth the effort as the records give not only the child's name and grade but the parents and their address at the time the children were attending the school. A photo of the school has been located with Fisk University and a request for a good copy of the photo is being made.
- Research requests have been received from Kathleen Phillips for info on the Jabez William Butler family and from Seth Perry, professor at Princeton University, concerning Lorenzo Dow. Anyone wishing to share information or to work on gathering new information on these projects will be put in touch with the principal researchers.
- The Bethany book compiled by Frances Phares has been reprinted.

Vice President Report: VP Barron reported the following field trip and event plans:

- Travel plans for the November Field trip to visit three cemeteries in Amite county including a slave cemetery are in the works. We plan to map and photograph the cemeteries while there.
- The February meeting will be the trip to General Hind's grave in Jefferson county
- The March meeting will be the trip to the Chalmette Battlefield to see where Hinds Dragoons jumped over the British Troops. There will be other interesting stops on the trip. We plan to take a bus and more details will be finalized by the October or November meetings. We will be inviting the SW Genealogy Society and the Stockdale Rangers to join us on this trip.

Secretary Report: None, Secretary Wayne Anderson was not present.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave the Treasurer's report. The current account balance for the society is \$13,015.45. It was unclear who made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and who seconded. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the Executive reports was made by Greg Barron and seconded by Many Ann Gerhardt. The motion carried.

COMMITTEES: Summer visitors included several from the Blalock Family Reunion.

Old Business: None

New Business: The people of Crosby were severely impacted by the August flooding but are not receiving FEMA dollars to assist in their recovery. The Executive Board has issued a challenge to the membership and the Facebook Group page members to each donate at least \$5 to the Crosby Cause to help our friends and neighbors

in Crosby with cash. This challenge will remain open until the Open House and we will make a presentation of the funds prior to the Christmas Holidays. We have contacts with Operation Restore Crosby that will assist us in getting the funds into the proper hands. A link will be provided on the Facebook page to a PayPal account where donations can be made. Checks can be sent to ACHGS with Crosby Fund in the memo space on the check. The preference is to use the PayPal link. Our goal is to raise \$6500 (1293 Facebook group members x \$5 is \$6465 and surely we can make that a nice round number with donations from members not on the Facebook group). Progress will be kept up to date on the FB page and in the newsletter.

Other Business: None

The meeting was adjourned to the program. Author Chris Watts and co-author Greg Price presented a program on their research on the War of Northern Aggression in Marion County and how they came to write "The Great Sweet Potato Raid" These raiders were of the same group that raided Liberty. The Society purchased a copy of the work and it will be available for loan to Members after the new cataloging system is in place. Nine members were treated to lunch at the Dinner Bell Restaurant in McComb.