

**AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
Minutes of the October 8, 2016 meeting  
Approved by vote of members attending the January 14, 2017 meeting

Due to the needs of the speaker presenting the program at the close of the business meeting, the meeting was held outside in front of the Little Red Schoolhouse. President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:13 am. There were 21 Attendees. Greg Barron gave the invocation.

The minutes of the September 10, 2016, meeting were taken up for approval. A motion to approve was made by Allen Terrell and seconded by Greg Barron. The motion carried

President Report: President Dawn Taylor had only one item. She urged all who could to attend the memorial service on October 17 for Pfc. James Samuel Smith whose remains were only recently recovered from a burial site in the Pacific where he was interred after falling in the battle of Tarawa.

Vice President Report: VP Barron reminded the group that there will be a field trip following the November 12 meeting to photograph and otherwise record information on three cemeteries in Amite County.

Secretary Report: None,

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock gave the Treasurer's report. The current account balance for the society is \$12,952.10. Greg Barron made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Allen Terrell seconded. The motion passed.

COMMITTEES: The Open House planning committee is seeking suggestions on possible locations that could be used for the Open House event.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Announcements: Pres. Dawn Taylor announced that Greg Barron was celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. She then presented him with a birthday cake.

The meeting was adjourned to the program. Allen Terrell introduced Ronnie Johnston, musician and artist, who presented a brief program on the making of flint points that were used by Native Americans as tips for arrows and spears. He also showed a variety of points he has collected, some are found artifacts while others were made by Mr. Johnston.