

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of November 14, 2015 meeting
Approved by vote of members attending the January 9, 2016 meeting

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:06 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 18 members attending. Greg Barron gave the invocation.

The draft minutes were taken up. The reference to Douglas Blalock should be changed to Dennis Blalock. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Linda Lea and seconded by Bert Blalock. The motion carried.

President Report:

- President Taylor reported that the "Angels on the Bluff" could not be done in the cemetery as usual due to the heavy rain. The character sketches were done in the Visitor's Center instead.
- President Taylor then turned the floor to Gay Blalock who gave details on the society's participation in the "Sawdust and Splinters" event in late October.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock reported we have \$11,220.32 as balance on hand. Linda Lea made a motion to approve the report; Mary Ann Huff seconded. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

Vice President Report: The report dealt with the society's Open House plans. Open House will be held at the William Gardner house. The owners will be selling the house contents by a pre-priced tag sale on the day of Open House. VP Barron is planning to make the day an "in-fair" celebration. The society will charge a \$5 admission for each person regardless of age with no admittance before 10:00 am. Members and friends who work the whole 4 hours and provide an ample food dish will be given admission free. Such an event with a sale involved has the potential to draw 300 to 500 visitors. The house has never been opened to the public before and may not ever be again. Additionally, the Stockdale Rangers SCV camp will have a living history encampment, Dub Brock will perform at noon, and there will be fiddle playing and a piper performing at other times. Dewey DeLee will provide decorations inside the house. Greg needs volunteers to provide greenery to create decoration of the front porch. The decorations need to be put up on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. Parking will be behind the house with entry below the house; the front of house drive will not be used. Entry to the house will be through the front door only; exit will be through the back door only. Sale of items will be determined by owners, not the society. A motion was made by Kay Pouns Berry to accept the VP Report; Linda Lea seconded. The motion passed without dissent

Secretary Report: No report.

COMMITTEES: No reports

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Announcements:

- VP Barron passed out a batch of 1909 Russian notes, face value 5 Rubles, as a gift to anyone who wanted one. This currency, which has no monetary value today, was the last currency issued under the Czarist regime in Russian.
- A reenactment and other activities will be taking place on November 21-22, 2015, at Camp Moore.
- Mrs. Frances Phares announced that she has a lengthy compilation of Phares family information. It is in a bound book with copies available for \$25 each.
- Mrs. Phares also announced that a guest speaker will provide a program at the February meeting.
- David Cate provided comments on his ancestors in SW Mississippi and thanked Mrs. Oma Gordon for her help in the past making copies of his family records at the court house.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am following approval of a motion to adjourn by Mary Ann Huff and second by Oma Gordon.