

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of December 13, 2014 meeting

Approved by vote of members attending the February 14, 2015, meeting

President Dawn Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:21 am in the meeting room of the Liberty library. There were 11 attendees.

Pres. Taylor then moved to the draft minutes of the October 11, 2014 meeting. She asked if anyone had corrections or objections to the draft minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Greg Barron made a motion to adopt the minutes; Linda Lea seconded. The motion was approved by all present.

President Report:

- Pres. Taylor reported that the Battle of Liberty commemoration on November 8 was a good day with a large attendance.
- She gave a special thanks to Bert and Gay Blalock for arranging for young people to help with setting up things for the commemoration.
- The souvenir booklets from the commemoration did not sell out and are still available for those who didn't get one on Nov. 8. Greg Barron interjected and called for a round of applause for Alice Carol Gray who did such a tremendous job editing the souvenir booklet.
- Pres. Taylor mentioned two recent feature stories by Ernest Herndon in the *Enterprise-Journal*. One was a commemorative article on Veterans' Day which featured James Allen Causey. The other was the article covering the Battle of Liberty commemoration.
- Pres. Taylor asked if the group would like to have a program recognizing veterans in January. James Allen Causey added information about activities at the Camp Van Dorn Museum and added that he could provide ACHGS members with free admission to the World War II Museum in New Orleans.
- Pres. Taylor suggested touring the Camp Van Dorn Museum following the program at the January meeting.
- Pres. Taylor recognized Greg Barron who announced that the Stockdale Rangers SCV Camp was planning to hold their Lee-Jackson Banquet again. It will be at 6:00 pm on January 17, 2015 at the Tangipahoa Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. It will be a pot-luck meal and all attendees are asked to bring a dish suitable to provide several portions. There will be a band providing music following the banquet.
- Pres. Taylor reported that the Executive Committee had approved a donation of \$50 to the Stockdale Rangers SCV Camp to help defray the cost of the band for the Lee-Jackson Banquet. The Camp assisted the society greatly with the Battle of Liberty commemoration and this was a way to give back for their assistance.
- Pres. Taylor announced that George and Susan Bragg are moving to Orange Beach, Alabama, though they will continue to participate in the ACHGS as time permits. They plan to donate some material to the ACHGS.
- The society has received an invitation from the Mississippi Genealogical Society for members to participate in a workshop on January 17. Pres. Taylor can provide more details to any interested.

Vice President Report: VP Nancy Martin was not present due to continuing recovery from her injuries from a car wreck. Pres. Taylor reported that Nancy had managed to visit on Nov. 8 for a short time. Pres. Taylor also took this opportunity to welcome Mary Ann Huff back following her recent illness.

Secretary Report: Secy. Anderson had no report.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report shows a bank balance of \$11,380.86. Some expenses for the Battle of Liberty commemoration remain to be paid so this balance will decline some. Greg Barron interjected that the expense item for event insurance on the report was reduced from the usual price thanks to Tom Lewis' assistance. Pres. Taylor added that to recoup the cost for the calendars, the price will be reduced to \$5.00 per calendar to move them on out as soon as possible. Greg Barron made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Linda Lea seconded. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

LRSB COMMITTEE: Greg Barron reported that the LRSB has had a few visitors plus two others called about scheduling visits.

CEMETERIES COMMITTEE: In George Bragg's absence Pres. Taylor reported that more volunteers are needed to help upload photos and complete the Find-a-Grave database information.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Other Business:

- On the first Saturday in February, Mary Pallon is scheduling a clean-up day in Rodney. Pres. Taylor encouraged volunteering if anyone has the time available. She and at least one other have already made plans to help.
- Mrs. Vera Prestridge announced that she had her scrapbook of photos and other memorabilia from the party given for her birthday and retirement from the LRSH committee. Anyone interested is welcome to look through it.

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 am. Bert Blalock was asked to give a blessing for the food for the Christmas luncheon.