

AMITE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the February 11, 2017 meeting

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At 10:12 am, prior to the call to order, VP Greg Barron announced that the dowsing rods that had been made in response to the announcement published on the society's Facebook group page were available for \$10.00 for those who had indicated they wished to buy them. Ten sets were made. If all sets are sold before all those interested can get a set, more will be made. Greg will have the remaining sets available after the meeting before departing for the field trip.

VP Barron also gave an update on the plans for the field trip and recognized Tom Lewis who will act as guide.

VP Barron then explained about finding a collection of Amite County slave-related documents that are up for sale on Ebay. He had discussed purchasing the documents with the officers of the society and it was decided to pursue donations through the society Facebook page to raise the money. Greg managed to convince the seller to sell all the documents as a group for \$790, about half the amount that was being asked in total for individual document sale. When the request for donations was made, \$800 in commitments was received so Greg will conclude the purchase next week.

President Dawn Taylor then called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. There were 26 attendees present.

The minutes of the January 14, 2017, meetings were taken up for approval. A motion to approve minutes was made by Greg Barron and seconded by Sam King. The motion carried.

President Report: Pres. Taylor reminded the group about the planned New Orleans trip on March 18, 2017, and referred to the information included in the January newsletter. As of the meeting date, twenty seats on the bus remain available. She then went over the plans for the trip.

Vice President Report: Since VP Barron had covered his business before the formal call to order, he had no additional report.

Secretary Report: None.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gay Blalock provided a Treasurer's report. The balance of the Society's account is \$12,068.70.

COMMITTEES: No additional reports.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Announcements:

- A reenactment/encampment open to the public is scheduled for February 25, 2017, at the John Ford home in Marion County.
- There will be cemetery tour with historical impersonations at the Port Gibson cemetery on March 31, 2017. The cost per person is \$25.00.
- The annual Rodney clean-up work day is scheduled for March 11. Since this is the next society meeting date, local participants will leave for Rodney after the meeting.
- Sam King announced the representatives of the Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History will be coming to evaluate structural problems with the Little Red School House on March 24, 2017

The meeting was adjourned to begin preparations for the field trip.