

Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society  
13th Meeting  
22 June 2009 – 6 PM  
Pascagoula City Library Meeting Room

The 13th meeting of the reorganized Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society was called to order by President Barry McIlwain with approximately 30 members & guests present.

Chaplain Rev James Henry LeBatard opened the meeting with a prayer and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the May meeting were corrected to reflect the proper date of the meeting May 26<sup>th</sup>, and were approved on a motion by Jim LeBatard, seconded by Kathie Keene.

Barry McIlwain discussed membership and suggested a student membership, up to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, for \$5.00 per year, which would not include the journal. He also asked everyone to encourage their friends (particularly younger ones) to join the society.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Linda Grimes reported a balance of 25,452.97 in the operating account and 9880.37 in the publication account. She recommended that once the budget is determined that we set aside some of the operating account money in a special account for capital expenditures.

President elect Anderson said the society owes the Friends of the Library about 450.00 for advance payment of the Cemetery Books. She will obtain the exact amount and advise Linda.

**Committee Reports:**

President McIlwain explained that a few weeks ago the Board and Committee Chairman met one Saturday morning for several hours and brainstormed. The ideas will be discussed this evening. This is a dynamic list which will change all of the time, and not all of the suggestions will be accomplished in one year. At the end of the meeting there will be sign-up sheets for each of the established committees.

***Publications Committee*** – Chairman Tommy Wixon, Joanne Anderson reported:

- 2009 Journal will be out this year

- Will digitize all previous journals
    - To preserve
    - To have available on a CD
- Will set up under the Library porch this year for Zonta which will be on October 3 this year
- Judge Oswald has inventoried all of the County records and they will be published
- The committee needs a small locked bookcase to keep the publication in
- All of the back journals have been organized and are presently in the storage shed
- Looking for available work space in a vacant building
- Some of the older journals are available for purchase tonight.

**Membership Committee** – Leann Bosarge- Rene Hague reporting

- Working on increasing membership
- Want diversity and involve everyone in the community
- Dues notice will be sent out each year
  - Will follow up with a welcome note to new comers
- Will have a door prize at the monthly meetings

**Genealogy Committee** – Sherrie Owens

- Working out the details for Pioneer Families of Jackson County
  - Ancestor residing in the County between 1699 & 1899 to qualify to join
  - \$10.00 for certificate
- New computer is installed
  - Family Tree maker will be available
  - Color printer will be connected
  - Dr Chris Wiggins donated a scanner
  - Would like for each family to submit their genealogy and enter it into the Family Tree Maker program
- Else Martin has volunteered to have once a month genealogy workshops
- Long range plans include resuming the annual genealogy conference
- One program will be training on the Family Tree Maker

**Military Committee** – Roger Hansen

- Re Greenwood Island 1848 burials
  - On schedule for reburial at Biloxi National Cemetery on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Ocean Springs VFW are building the wooden coffins
- Have a commitment for a marker on Beach Blvd

- Long range plans are to find the names of the 105 veterans from the Mexican War who died here
- Discharge record for Adam Martin

**Grass Roots** – Kaye Doyle – Vivian Daly reporting

- Want to share the Society throughout the county
- Outreach
  - o Place literature (brochures) in as many venues as possible
    - Senior centers, schools
  - o Encourage city and county officials to attend meetings
- Offsite programs in the county
- Partnership with the extension service
  - o Teach an Introduction to Genealogy course in various areas of the county
- Utilize the Mississippi State Design Center to create historical displays

**Programs** – Kathie Keene

- Interesting programs scheduled thru the end of the year
- Please make suggestions for future programs
- Will not meet in December

**Buildings & Museums** – Kevin Hall – Liz Ford reporting

- There will be three phases to the LaPointe-Krebs House project
  - o Stabilization
  - o Creation of a Historic Structures Report
  - o Renovation following the recommendations of the Historic Structures Report
- Robbie Cangelosi will be involved with the project as recommended by MDAH

**Archaeology** – Walter Mansfield

- State will sponsor an Archaeological dig at the LaPointe-Krebs property
- FEMA does a 106 review on any proposed site involving government money before construction

**Publicity & PR** – Joanne Anderson

- Newsletter has started
- Trying to get the logo designed
  - o Tommy Wixon and Rex at the Library are working on it
- Will continue the column in the Mississippi Press
- Trying to get a web site
  - o Will include basics such as By Laws, minutes, agendas, etc.

**Birding & Nature** – Don McKee and Shelby Brunt – Barry McIlwain reported

- Will work closely with Mark LaSalle at the Audubon Center
- The LaPointe-Krebs site is a major flyover
  - o Hope to do a birding project on the grounds

**Grants Coordinator** – Anne Moore

- Would like to know what projects need to be funded for which grants could be applied for

**Constitution & By Laws** – Cap Ford – Liz Ford reporting

- Nothing to report at this time

**Historian & Scrap Book** – Peggy Saliba

- Would like to have photographs of all buildings listed on the National Registry
- Would like to publish a now & then book

**Hospitality** – Pat Haynes

- Need some back up assistance

**Gala / Fundraising** – Melanie Moore & Callie Randle – Barry McIlwain reporting

- Plans are underway
  - o The date will be Friday 23 April
  - o It will be a fun, spectacular & very nice event

Following the committee reports, Carl Megehee won the door prize – a copy of the Cemetery Book.

Else Martin then requested Jim LeBatard to read an 1873 poem 'Savage Morning in Pascagoula' which she had found on line.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Liz Ford, Recording Secretary