

Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society
10th Meeting
24 March 2009 – 6 PM
Pascagoula City Library Meeting Room

The 10th meeting of the reorganized Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society was called to order by President Tommy Wixon with approximately 27 members & guests present.

Chaplin James Henry LeBatard led the group in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Linda Grimes reported the Society had 33,327.64 in the operating account, 7,495.02 in the publications contract; 93 Cemetery books have been sold to date, and a grant in the amount of 3,325.00 to cover expenses of Dr Taylor and the cemetery tour has been received.

Nomination & Election of Officers:

Liz Ford presented the following slate of officers:

- President - Barry McIlwain
- President Elect - Joanne Anderson
- Vice President Genealogy – Sherry Owens
- Vice President Museum & Buildings – Kevin Hall
- Recording Secretary – Liz Ford
- Corresponding Secretary – Renee Hague
- Treasurer – Linda Grimes
- Directors – Kathie Keene, Kaye Doyle, Jim LeBatard

There being no nominations from the floor, the officers were elected by acclamation.

Barry McIlwain took the gavel, and thanked everyone present for their confidence. He went on to say he is looking forward to working with everybody. As he has become more involved with the Society, he has a new appreciation of the hard work done over a long period of time by a lot of people. Historical and cultural resources are an important part of the quality of life of an area. He has traveled a lot and has seen that people want to live where there is a sense of history. He thinks often of Ken P'Pool's statement that there are not that many French Colonial structures in the US; one is in New Orleans, and we have an intact one here in our county.

President McIlwain has begun to fill Committee Chairmen spots as follow:

Program Chairman – Kathie Keene
Genealogy – Sherry Owens
Buildings & Museums – Kevin Hall
Archaeology – Walter Mansfield
Constitution & By Laws – Cap Ford
Membership – Leanne Bosarge
Historian – Peggy Saliba
Publications – Tommy Wixon
Public Relations – Joanne Anderson
Gala/Fund raiser – Melanie Moore & Callie Randle
Grants Co-coordinator – Anne Moore
Hospitality – Pat Haynes

OLD BUSINESS

Joanne Anderson announced she had one more out of print James Copeland book to donate to the Society. The names of everyone who have paid their dues will go into a drawing for the book.

Computer:

Joanne reported she and Cap Ford have located a work station HP with super memory and every specification listed, including soft ware. She requested authorization to spend an amount not to exceed \$1000.00. Permission has been received from the Library and the computer will be hooked up to the Library's main frame. Melanie Moore moved to authorize the purchase of the computer and software at a price not to exceed \$1000.00. Jim LeBatard seconded the motion, and all present voted in favor of the motion.

Membership:

Chairman Leanne Bosarge reported email reminders regarding payment of dues would be sent out this month. She will develop plans for a membership drive, and will bring an updated membership list to each meeting.

By Laws:

Liz Ford said copies of the revised By Laws were on the table. They were not sent to the membership in time for this meeting, but will be sent this month and voted on at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Publications:

Chairman Tommy Wixon appointed Else Martin and Joanne Anderson as Co-Editors of the Journal. The publications committee will determine what goes in the publications. All of the committee members have not been appointed.

Doug Coulter still has some publications in his son's shop and needs to find a place to keep them. Tommy Wixon said one of the first projects of the committee will be to inventory, sort and sell the old publications.

Joanne Anderson said the National Genealogical Society meeting is in Raleigh NC. this year. The Library is paying a large portion of the expenses for Sherry Owens and Renee Hague to attend; however, they are \$560.00 short. As the Society will benefit from their attendance, assistance with their expenses would be appreciated. Kathie Keene moved to assist with expenses, not to exceed \$560.00. Peggy Saliba seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAM:

Chairman Kathie Keene thanked member Benny Rohr for the copies of the interesting postcard which he shared with the membership.

She then introduced Jack Benny Wood, who spoke of his grandfather, Fred N Scott, known as the Mississippi Nightingale, and recited some of his grandfather's poetry.

Mr. Scott was born in 1879 graduated from Poplarville High School and immediately started teaching; he married and purchased 648 acres with a double shotgun house. The beautifully recited poetry, a reflection of daily life, included the well known song '16 TONS' for which credit was not received.

Mr. Wood graduated from Moss Point High School, and was career Navy. While living in a tent for the past three years, he kept a journal which he hopes to transcribe and publish.

Kathie Keene thanked Mr. Wood for an enjoyable program and presented him a token of appreciation from the Society.

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

Liz Ford, Recording Secretary

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