

Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society
5th Meeting
26 August 2008 – 6 PM
Pascagoula City Library

The 5th meeting of the reorganized Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Societies was called to order by President Tommy Wixon with approximately 30 members & guests present.

Chaplin James H LeBatard opened the meeting with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Alliance, led by Roger Hansen.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as presented on a motion by James H LeBatard, seconded by Joanne Anderson..

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Linda Grimes, Treasurer, announced the two accounts have not been merged, but will be soon. As of this date, the Genealogical Society account had 26,145.40, and the Historical Society account had 25,184.51.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Publications:

-Cemetery Book:

- President Wixon reported that the cemetery book & indexing have been completed, however, there are a lot of corrections to be made as a result of the index. After talking with the Officers, a young professional was hired to complete the work, which will be done by the end of the month. The recommendation is to pay minimum wages, not to exceed \$500.00 with payment to come out of the publications fund. Joanne Anderson moved, and Barry McIlwain seconded, that she be paid \$7.00 per hour. All voted in favor.

Nominating Committee:

-President Wixon announced he had appointed a committee consisting of the seven officers, to nominate three members to serve on the Board in line with the bylaws. In addition, it is time to start thinking of officers for next year. Anyone interested in serving, or in nominating someone, is asked to email Liz Ford at lizford@yahoo.com.

Programs:

- The Officers recommend a program budget of \$50.00 for each speaker depending on the distance they travel. If it is from a long distance, etc., then the board will be polled to approve a higher amount.

Melanie Moore moved the above be approved and Doug Coulter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kathie Keene, Program Chairman, needs some volunteers to help with the programs. She would like to pool resources and discuss a program line up. This can all be done by email. Joanne Anderson & Liz Ford volunteered. Anyone else interested please contact Kathie.

Hospitality:

The Board recommended up to \$30.00 be spent on refreshments at program meetings. The Hospitality Chairman will present receipts. Joanne Anderson moved and Linda Grimes seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Greenwood Island:

Liz Ford reported talking with Jayur Mehta with the Archeology Department at MDAH regarding declaring Greenwood Island a Historical Site. Jayur advised that part of the property is state property under the Tidelands Act. A complete legal description of the property is the first thing needed. Liz is working on it, and will meet with the Archaeology group in Jackson on the 12th of September.

Tommy Wixon said two PhD's from So AL had a lot of information from their dig on Greenwood, but not enough money to publish. That might be something we would like to think about sponsoring down the line. He then appointed Walter Mansfield & Roger Hanson to talk with Bonnie Gumm at So AL and report back to the group at the next meeting.

LaPointe Krebs House:

Vice President Kevin Hall reported that Engineering & Architectural Services have been advertised and proposals are due on the 5th of September. The 250,000 Katrina grant from Archives & History will pay for the services. FEMA & insurance payments will help with the repairs.

Dr Thomas Taylor of Colonial Williamsburg will be here October 28-30. He will produce a plan and guide to be followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Computer:

President Wixon announced he had appointed Joanne Anderson and Cap Ford to look into the purchase of a computer for the society's use. It would be domiciled at the Library, password protected, and the journal, membership list, publishing, etc. could be stored. It will not go onto the library's mainframe, and will have a separate hard drive.

Joanne & Cap will look at what is needed and what would satisfy the library as well, and report back with recommendations at the next meeting,

Reimbursement:

Else Martin located a rare photograph of John Dickins and had it copied for 45.00. IT is to go in the historical photographs collection in Archives. Melanie Moore moved, and Kevin Hall seconded that Else Martin be reimbursed \$45.00 covering the copying expenses.

Coastal CleanUp:

Rene Hague announced Ann Burgo has inquired if the Society would be interested in participating in the Coastal CleanUp on Saturday the 20th of September. The group would be asked to clean the shore line at Krebs Lake, and all materials would be furnished. Melanie Moore moved, and Kathie Keene seconded the motion that we participate as requested.

Krebs Cemetery Tour:

Tommy Wixon reminded everyone of the 3rd annual Krebs Cemetery Tour which is sponsored by Pascagoula Main Street, Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission & The Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society. It will be on Thursday 30 October. Speaking roles have been assigned, but if anyone would like to participate please let Rene Hague know. Kevin Hall & Walter Mansfield will handle the set up and can also use additional hands. On Wednesday at 5:30 there will be a walk thru for the characters, and on Thursday at 5:30 a rehearsal. The tour will be from 6 to 8, and there will be a donation jar at the gate.

Raffle:

Joanne Anderson announced she was raffling an unused first edition copy of the book "Life and Confessions of the Noted Outlaw James Copeland" at \$1.00 a chance. She had donated the book to the 'cause' as well as the proceeds from the raffle.

ZONTA:

Evelyn Draughan reminded everyone of ZONTA on Saturday 04 October from 9 to 5, Downtown Pascagoula. The organization will have a booth.

Fair Booth:

Doug Coulter & Tommy Wixon are checking into the availability of a booth at the Fair. Work schedules will be determined at the next meeting.

Mural:

James H LeBatard asked about the status of the Singing River Mural by Mac Anderson. Liz Ford said it was hanging at the top of the East stairwell at the Mary C, and that the donor plaque is next to it. Tommy Wixon gave the background and it was suggested we ask Judge Wilson to intervene.

Other:

- Jack Dickinson was introduced as a visitor. He said several years ago he was a volunteer at Greenwood Island, and was told to forget it as the artifacts have been mishandled so many times it cannot be determined what was found was not initially there.

- Ann Burgo arrived at the meeting and asked the group to participate in the Coastal CleanUp on the 20th of September. It was explained to her that we had already voted to do so. She then said she would like to have a planning day as to what to do at the Fort after the pick up. She also mentioned she was to meet with Betty Rodgers on Thursday afternoon to go over the material. If the list of material cannot be located she will have to move and open every box. It was suggested she wait until Dr Taylor comes and advises his recommendations before we do too much planning.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23 September at 6 PM.

Liz Ford, Recording Secretary

Attendees:

Sherry Owens
Tommy Wixon
Roger Hansen
Renee Hague
Joanne Anderson
Kevin Hall
Melanie Moore
Jack Dickinson
Kaye Doyle
J M Ford
Liz Ford
Doug Coulter Sr
Carol Messer
Barry McIlwain
Leann Bosarge
Ryan McRee
Danny Smith
Iva McKey
Evelyn Draughan
Pat Haynes
Linda Grimes
Ann Burgo
James LeBatard