

Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society
2nd Meeting
27 May 2008 – 6 PM
Pascagoula City Library

The 2nd meeting of the reorganized Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Societies was called to order by President Tommy Wixon with the following members and guest present: Doug Coulter Jr, Peggy Saliba, Sudie K Lockridge, Betty Rodgers, Sherry Owens, Jack & Day Lander, Liz Ford, Barry McIlwain, Ovide Davis, Jack Womack, Lyn Brown, Raymond Brown, Linda Grimes, Tommy Wixon, Evelyn Draughan, Pat Haynes

Vice President Genealogy Doug Coulter reported all genealogical documents have been moved from Betty Rodger's house to his son's shop located at 1912 Pascagoula Street. There is a need to have a work day to organize the material which consists primarily of publications. A file cabinet would be handy. In reply to a question by Rene Hague regarding logistics, Doug said he would continue mailing of the journals.

Recording Secretary Liz Ford read the minutes of the previous meeting which will be transmitted via email in the future.

Doug Coulter then read the financials from the Genealogy division. He, Tommy & Linda will merge the accounts of the organizations once decisions are received from the tax attorney regarding the most expedient way to go about this task which involves both IRS and the State, as two non-profits are merging. The publications money will be maintained in a separate account.

Rene Hague moved, and Betty Rogers seconded the motion that any money made from selling publications go back into the publication fund. All voted in favor.

Betty Rodgers mentioned the history book needed to be republished.

Doug Coulter brought up the original intent of the Genealogical Society was to donate monthly funds to the Library for the historical & genealogical section, and asked did we want to continue this practice. After discussion, it was decided to revisit the issue after the first of next year.

Doug Coulter then mentioned that in the past the Genealogical Society had a booth at both Zonta and at the fair, and sold quite a few journals. Sudie Lockridge moved, and Peggy Saliba seconded that we continue this activity. All voted in favor. Doug will send Zonta a check, and will check to see if we can get a free table at the fair as we are a non-profit.

President Wixon announced the Publication Committee had met, and asked for a prototype of the Cemetery Book for this meeting, and estimates on printing by the 24th of June meeting. The goal is to have the cemetery book ready for Christmas sales.

A discussion then followed regarding the necessity to have a back up copy of the cemetery book, and of the index, as well as of other publications, and to store them in the Genealogical section of the Library. Peggy Saliba moved and Sudie Lockridge seconded that the latest updated copy of cemetery book and the index be backed up electronically, and placed in the Genealogy section of the Library for safekeeping. All voted in favor.

The proposed draft of the Constitution & Bylaws was discussed, and will be distributed electronically to be voted on at the next meeting.

President Wixon introduced Jack Womack of Gautier who gave a report of activities:

- They are trying to locate the grave sites of John J McRae, and hopefully his brother, Colin McRae, in Belize. Jack & Dr Donald Simms will make the trip, with the ultimate goal of bringing them home again to be buried in the McRae family cemetery.
- Last Saturday the Gautier Preservation Commission dedicated a historic marker denoting Gautier & Sons Sawmill which was in existence from 1866 to 1906, and for whom the City of Gautier is named.
 - A historic marker has been placed at the New ERA Baptist Church which is the oldest congregation in Gautier - meeting on this site since 1898
- The George Farragut marker was installed several years ago.

Chairman Wixon said Program Chairman Kathie Keene has several interesting programs lined up.

Liz Ford reported Kevin Hall, Vice President LaPointe Krebs House, had met with FEMA & MEMA and reviewed the status – the FEMA representative indicated more repairs were needed on the museum building than initially thought.

The City has received a min grant from the Mississippi Humanities Commission which will pay for Dr Tom Taylor of Historic Williamsburg to come back down on a follow-up visit to make recommendations.

Doug Coulter, Vice President Genealogy, said they have not had a meeting but will shortly.

Ovide Davis asked in there is any documentation of old homes/structures in Jackson County. Sherry Owens said the Library has a photographic file and Joanne Anderson is scanning additional photos for the file,

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.
The next meeting of the combined societies will be Tuesday June 24th, and Kathie Keene has arranged for Roger Hansen to discuss his military book.

Liz Ford
Recording Secretary