



Jackson County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2013

The December 14, 2013, meeting of the Jackson County Chapter OGS was called to order by President Donna Scurlock at 10:30am in the Potter Room at Jackson City Library.

In attendance were: Donna Scurlock (President), Larry Patrick (Membership), Beverly Griffiths (Treasurer), Charles Weese, Bob Lewis, Phoebe Canter, Don Dearing, Mike Deaterla, Miriam Harley, Megan Malone, and Ron Speakman

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the November 2013 meeting were read and approved following a motion by Bev Griffiths and seconded by Megan Malone.

Treasurer's Report:

General account: Balance as of 11/30/2013 is \$8,308.44

James Cemetery account: Balance as of 11/30/2013 is \$2,215.44

Committee Reports:

1. Lineage Society: Two applications for Civil War Families of Jackson have been approved. The committee is in the process of reviewing applications for membership into the First Families of Jackson County Lineage Society.

Old Business:

1. We have copies of the 2014 Historical Photo Calendar available for sale.
2. Anthony Coyan reported (via email) that he was able to obtain a copy of the Fairmount cemetery map from the sexton's office and had it digitized at the County Engineer's office. A 15" x 35" copy has been placed under the plexiglas on the board outside the sexton's office along with info for visitors as to how they can use the cemetery burial list online and/or in the library (with the section & lot burial info) in conjunction with the map. (It was noted that Larry Patrick has uploaded the map to our JCOGS website, under the Research link.)

New Business:

1. The Southeast Ohio Tourism Expo will be held Saturday, March 1, 2014, at the University of Rio Grande again this year. It was proposed that Larry Patrick and Donna Scurlock attend as representatives from JCOGS. A motion to approve was made by Charles Weese and seconded by Miriam Harley
2. The importance of establishing some ground rules on the publications that we offer for sale was discussed. It was noted that we should compile an inventory of our

hardcopy publications (how many copies and where they are stored) as well as electronic copies of our publications. We are in the process of moving all of our electronic data to a location that would make them accessible to officers of JCOGS. We have a “Skydrive” account setup to begin the transition. By moving the electronic files to an online storage, it will improve our security (loss of data due to personal computer crash) and allow for smooth transition whenever the various changes are made in the positions of officers. The publications are considered as “assets” and should be treated in the same manner as we treat our bank account—which provides a smooth transition when responsibilities change.

Items of discussion:

1. Jay Russell is our new contact person for OGS (replacing Don Clark).
2. The 53rd OGS Conference will be held April 30-May 3 in Sandusky, Ohio.
3. Megan Malone stated that the next Lillian Jones Exhibit will be “Popeye” (Ernest) Reed-1982 Artist in Residence--for his work with the 6th grade class at Central Elementary in Wellston. She is seeking anyone that might have been a student under “Popeye” or anyone that may have some personal remembrance that they could share.
4. Larry Patrick demonstrated the use of our newly purchased mobile scanner. The scanner is available for members to borrow for personal use. It will be kept in our closet at the library and can be signed out by our members by contacting an officer.

Program: Ron Speakman gave a very informative overview of the Veterans Memorial Park that is currently in the planning stage. Ron discussed the rigorous process of obtaining permits and the costs associated with this undertaking. He mentioned that bricks can be purchased through a \$100 donation to honor an individual veteran—you will need to submit the veteran’s name, rank and period of service. He also made particular mention of two of our members, Anthony Coyan and Cynthia Dalton. He stated that they are researching for veterans from Jackson County who died while serving in any war (Cynthia is researching those that died from Spanish American War through the Vietnam era). This is crucial data to enable the names of those men and women who died while serving to be listed on the Wall of Honor.

Motion for adjournment was made and accepted. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Beverly Griffiths

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