



Jackson County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2014

The February 8, 2014, 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, Mary Dearing, Anthony Coyan

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the January 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

General account: Balance as of 1/31/2014 is \$8,712.43

James Cemetery account: Balance as of 1/31/2014 is \$2,629.04

Committee Reports:

Anthony Coyan reported that the Fairmount Cemetery street sign project was progressing. He is hoping to place an order for the posts (which will hold the signs) within the next few weeks. He is also planning to talk with Roy Hatten (City employee over the sign shop) to see if there is any chance of putting some insignias on the signs—American Legion and JCOGS—he thinks it is unlikely due to the limited amount of space on the signs but he will check with Roy to make sure.

Old Business:

Donna Scurlock reminded everyone in attendance that dues for 2014 should be paid.

Larry Patrick announced that there is a “Surname” link on our JCOGS website to see who might be researching the same name. The site also allows you to add/change your surname list and/or your email address if needed.

New Business:

1. Donna Scurlock, on behalf of Ruth Hayth who was absent, brought up a question concerning copies of the Poplar Row –is there any plans to put the issues from 2005 thru 2013 in book form since we have the older years in that format? It was agreed that it would be a good idea and fairly easy to do.

2. Donna Scurlock suggested we consider purchasing some Wellston Telegram Newspaper microfilm rolls from the Ohio Historical Society. She will look into the pricing and see which rolls we might consider purchasing—we currently have the years 1889-1912 and 1984-1991 (available at the Jackson City Library).

3. Anthony Coyan proposed that JCOGS purchase 18 “Medal of Honor” flags which could be displayed at the Veteran’s Park (still under planning) – and be placed on the gravesites of the 3 soldiers from Jackson County who were recipients of the Medal of Honor. By purchasing 18 we would have a 2-year supply and be able to get a discount. He mentioned that the vendor also donates \$1 per flag to the Wounded Warriors project. Anthony proposed the motion and Bob Lewis seconded; all in attendance agreed.

Items of discussion:

1. Lillian Jones Museum Open today from 12 to 5.
2. The 53rd OGS Conference will be held April 30-May 3 in Sandusky, Ohio, at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center (it has an indoor water park).
3. Civil War Committee meeting has been changed to February 13 at 7PM.
4. Larry Patrick and Donna Scurlock will be representing JCOGS at the 6th Annual SouthEast Ohio Tourism Expo, in Rio Grande, March 1, from 9AM-4PM.
5. Reminder that JCOGS will have a table at the Jackson Spring Showcase, March 28-31 at JHS Field house – we will need volunteers to man the table...a schedule will be worked out at our March meeting.
6. Ruth Hayth has been a volunteer helping the Library to lookup genealogical information. Ruth has stepped down from that position and Bob Lewis has agreed to be available whenever needed to assist the Library.
7. Charles Weese gave us some valuable info on “Roots Tech 2014 conference” which has been streaming live sessions over the internet and today (Saturday) is the last day. However, there are sessions that can be viewed from previous years and the sessions from the current year will also be available to view on their website.
8. Larry Patrick asked if anyone has a suggestion of something they would like to see added or changed on our website. He mentioned that several people on our Facebook page has suggested that we make the past issues of Poplar Row available on the Members Only page....we will discuss this again next month to weigh the pros and cons.

Meeting adjourned.

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Submitted by: Beverly Griffiths