



Jackson County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2014

The March 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), Ruth Hayth (Vice-President), Linda Walton, Jay Russell, Charles Weese, Bob Lewis, Phoebe Canter, Don Dearing, Mike Deaterla, Anthony Coyan, Ronda Bivens, Megan Malone, Miriam Harley

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the February 2014 meeting were read and approved. Megan Malone made a motion to accept the minutes and Charles Weese seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

General account: Balance as of 2/28/2014 is \$8,791.93

James Cemetery account: Balance as of 2/28/2014 is \$2,629.04

Committee Reports:

Ruth Hayth mentioned that Berta Lockhart, President of Friends of Athens Asylum Cemeteries, will be our guest speaker for May, 2014.

Old Business:

1. Donna Scurlock reminded everyone in attendance that dues for 2014 should be paid.
2. Larry Patrick mentioned that Poplar Row indexing is proceeding with Karen Davis and Bev Griffiths volunteering to help.
3. Anthony Coyan brought the Medal of Honor flags which we purchased, to be placed on the graves of the three Jackson County veterans who were recipients of that award. The flags will also be placed on display at the Veteran's Park (still under planning).
4. We will be represented at the Jackson Spring Showcase planned for March 28-30. (Volunteers have signed up to cover the hours needed to work at the Showcase.)

New Business:

1. Donna Scurlock proposed that we purchase the 17 rolls of microfilm containing the 1912-1950 Wellston Telegram Newspaper from the Ohio Historical Society. She also informed us that the Jackson City Library has agreed to share half the cost of the microfilm. Don Dearing made a motion to purchase the microfilm and Larry Patrick seconded the motion.
2. We will be represented at the "Welsh Heritage Days" being held at the Bob Evans Farm on May 17-18.

Items of discussion:

1. Jay Russell, our new OGS district representative, was in attendance and gave us a brief introduction since this was the first time we have met him. He is the representative for Jackson, Athens, Meigs, and Vinton counties. He mentioned that he is a retired pharmacist and also offered to be a guest speaker at a future time. He has two specialties that he likes to present: Cemetery Restoration and Vintage Medicines and Devices.
2. Megan Malone donated a copy of the 1945 Oak Hill Chamber of Commerce booklet which contains a list of Veterans of World War II. She also mentioned the Popeye Reed display that is currently available at the Lillian Jones Museum. Girl Scout uniforms will be on display for one week in honor of Girl Scout Week, which is March 9-15 this year.
3. The Civil War 150 Committee will be meeting on March 17 at the Fire House. Megan mentioned that on June 14 there will be a Civil War Field Hospital setup at the Lillian Jones Museum, across the street at the Mayhew Brown Funeral Home there will be a mock funeral, and a time-capsule will be buried at Manpower Park.
4. 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).
5. Larry Patrick and Donna Scurlock reported on their time spent at the 6th Annual SouthEast Ohio Tourism Expo, in Rio Grande. Donna mentioned that they made a contact with a gentleman that is writing a book on Civil War Bean Dinners and he may be available to speak at one of our meetings.
6. Anthony Coyan mentioned that he is attempting to locate as many veteran's gravesites that should have a flag holder on their gravesite so they can be given a flag – he informed us that if anyone knows of a veteran's grave in any other cemetery in the county that may be missing a flag holder, they can go to the Veteran's Service office on Broadway and pick up the flag holders and place them on the grave. He also mentioned that Boy Scout Troop 48 places the flags on the graves prior to Memorial Day.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Beverly Griffiths

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