

Muskogee County Genealogical Society  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Directors  
November 21, 2016

Present: Nancy Calhoun, Bill Bailey, Nancy Lasater, Mary Downing, Jere Harris, Tim Harris, Crystal Murphy, Sam Jarvis and Linda Stout.

President

Nancy called the meeting to order.

Secretary

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. At the end of the year Mary will void the one outstanding check written to Billie Fogarty.

Museum

No report.

Library

The collection has received a large order of mostly Ohio books. Nancy is working on a new book order to include more newspaper abstracts from Missouri counties. She has also been asked to help test the new Oklahoma Dept. of Health website where birth and death records are now available. Bill asked for an update on the German map books. Mary reported that we have spent \$3,080.00 on them so far. The library has received a book on professional baseball in Oklahoma which has already been used quite a bit. Bill mentioned that the museum had a speaker from the old Negro baseball league and that it was a popular presentation. Bill congratulated Nancy on her presentation at the library in Tahlequah concerning Civil War research in Oklahoma.

## Research

No report.

## Editor

Nancy is putting together the last 2016 Quarterly. It will include a pictorial history of the past year. Nancy said she would help with the Quarterly in 2017 if someone else would be in charge – perhaps to be overseen by a committee.

## Old Business

The Nominating Committee met on November 3 and provided a slate of officers for 2017 which was presented to the general meeting last week.

## New Business

Nancy Calhoun went over the responses to the members' questionnaire. Ideas for future programs included DNA and United Kingdom research. Nancy mentioned that Judy Russell would be speaking in Tulsa in the spring on DNA. We discussed having a raffle for a DNA kit in 2017.

Other ideas for 2017 programs – Dr. Spindle will be here sometime after the snow season to speak on DNA and Greg Boyd will speak on his map database. Rene would like the society to give out more information regarding that database and the new newspaper database available at the library. These will be the subject for the January meeting to be held on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00, with brunch. Other subjects mentioned were new developments in FamilySearch.org and what Arkansas has to offer. Nancy will provide our 2017 program schedule to all the libraries in the system.

The Christmas Party will be December 8. Linda will get poinsettias for table decorations and door prizes. Nancy has other door prizes including a RootsMagic program. We will pay Michael Dunn \$25 to provide entertainment. Nancy will check with Sizzlin Bones BBQ. Crystal will work on games. It was suggested to invite the Fort Gibson and Tahlequah genealogical societies. We will also honor George Faught who was instrumental in making the older vital records available.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

