

Muskogee County Genealogical Society  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Directors  
November 18, 2013

Present: Alissa Hill, Linda Stout, Nancy Calhoun, Jere Harris, Barbara Downs and Nancy Lasater.

President

Alissa reported that the program on DNA was not coming together for Thursday's general meeting. Instead, Nancy will give a review of the library's resources including a new newspaper database available. She may also give a short report on the FGS conference she attended in August. There may be a short discussion of the Flip Pal and wand scanners and a round table free for all discussion.

Vice President

Stacy was absent.

Secretary

The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer

Mary was absent. No treasurer's report was available.

Editor

Nancy reported that the Quarterly should be done by the first of December.

Museum

Sue was absent. No report

Library

Nancy reported that a consultant has evaluated the collection and it appears to be in good shape overall. They did recommend a book friendly scanner be purchased and Jan is looking into cost and availability. Nancy has been purchasing additional books for the collection.

Research

Barbara reported that requests for research have been trickling in.

## New Business

Some ideas were mentioned for 2014 programs:

- Norman Thygesen's report on his visit to Denmark
- Black sheep
- Show and tell
- Gene Norris from Cherokee Nation
- Drew Smith webinar
- Civil War themed program and/or dinner
- Possible Saturday meeting in the spring
- Barbecue again in June

Alissa provided a list of dates for 2014 and asked Nancy and Jere to check the library's schedule for conflicts.

Alissa would like to start a fund raising campaign to provide funds to help anyone wanting to attend a FGS or NGS conference. One example would be to offer to help anyone find their Cherokee roots at a specified cost for a specified amount of research. It was also suggested that we consider making short research trips to Oklahoma City or Kansas City. The 2014 FGS conference will be held in San Antonio in August. The 2015 FGS conference will be held in conjunction with Roots Tech in February in Salt Lake City. The NGS 2014 conference will be held in Richmond.

The annual Christmas party will be held December 5. Alissa will contact Stacy about music. Linda will arrange to have poinsettias. Nancy has several door prizes available. Alissa will get paper goods at Sam's this week and will provide the meat for the party. Invitations will also be mailed in the next few days.

The nominating committee was not present but the following is a tentative list of officers for 2014:

- Stacy Blundell – President
- Alissa Gage – Past President
- Mary Downing – Treasurer
- Linda Stout – Secretary
- Barbara Downs – Research
- Nancy Lasater – Quarterly Editor
- Nancy Calhoun – Library Liaison
- Jere Harris - Publicity

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.