

Muskogee County Genealogical Society Board Meeting  
16 March 2015

Those present: Colotta and Bill Bailey, Mary Downing, Nancy Calhoun and Jere Harris.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40p.m by president Nancy Calhoun.

Jere Harris read the minutes of the previous meeting. Bill Bailey moved that the minutes be approved as read. Mary Downing seconded. Approved as read

Mary passed out the treasurer report and went over the items on it. Colotta moved they be approved and Bill seconded the motion. Approved as read.

Nancy Calhoun passed out the tentative schedule for the re-scheduled Mark Lowe meeting and a copy of programs from Billie Fogharty that we can choose from.

Mark Lowe has been scheduled for May 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday and Saturday. Nancy chose the first time we had a room available and Mark was free. Soon after we realized that was Memorial Day Weekend which could be a good thing or a bad thing for attendance. Mark said it made no difference to him, Colotta mentioned that she will be tied up with her class reunion but will try to attend some of it if she can.

Nancy's friend, Linda Mann, member of the Lawton chapter, DAR, would give a program on Friday morning about documenting for DAR applications and has many years of experience. Sue Tolbert and Nancy talked and said that would be good for the local DAR chapter too.

Mark can give a talk on Using Early Census records and then Proving Relationships Prior to 1850 Friday Afternoon.

Saturday morning, Mark would do Develop and Research Plan, Finding Black Roots and then have the catered BBQ at noon.

The afternoon session will be Basic Genealogical Research in the South.

Optional: Coffee with Mark: 10 a.m. to noon Friday in the Genealogy Dept.

Registration: \$10: includes handouts, drinks and snacks

Saturday noon meal: \$10

Barbecue from "Sizzlin'Bones", Fort Gibson, the new restaurant of our own Alissa Hill and Tim Ryals, national award winning barbecuers.

Registration due May 18. Limited seating.

Nancy went over a meeting schedule for the upcoming Society Meetings.

March 26—Mark Lowe webinar

April 25—Warden, Dan Reynolds, book signing and brunch

May 28 —Orphan Trains

June 26—End of season, BBQ meal, Black Sheep Club meeting

Summer

September—Sam Sixkiller program (lady who was at Tulsa last night)

October 22—Billie Fogharty—Select Program from list—possibly Native American

November  
Christmas Party

Discussion was Native American program would bring in a lot of guests and possible new members.

Nancy C. had bought 3 books and was reimbursed by Mary. American Tapestry—First Lady Obama's story, Woodward County Pioneer Families before 1915, A History of the Cryptic Rite of Free Masonry in Oklahoma.

Discussion was held on whether to change the time of the board meetings to 5:30 p.m. That seemed to be a good idea for most board members.

The DNA kit contest by the library which is promoting our Genealogical Databases this month. Also, The Genealogy Department is giving one away also, so patrons can sign up for both when they use the Department. All the library branches are giving one kit away at each location.

Bill mentioned the program at the museum about the Rosenthal Schools. The speaker had a map of the schools and a very interesting program. Colotta says the museum was unable to absolutely document that the school building they have is a Rosenthal School, but they think in all probability it is. Sears and Rosenthal worked together to provide funds to get these schools built. Each place had to come up with part of the money to build the school.

Nancy Calhoun had given talks at Pryor, Eufaula, Checotah and Tulsa this month.