

Hart County Historical Society & Museum
Minutes of January 8, 2016 Board Meeting

The Hart County Historical Society Board met at the museum Tuesday, January 12, 2016. President George Nolan called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Those attending were George Nolan, Sandra Brown, Linda Harris, Adelyn Harris, Gaines Snow, Kathy Pfaender, and Bob Seawright.

George related that four new board members are needed for 2016, and that Joel Moore has suggested Curtis Newborn and Richard Sanders. Bob Seawright mentioned Charlie Ann Hunt Gaines, and Gaines recommended Vincent Brown. Loretta King, Bill Griggs, Peggy Vickery, and Bryan or Bruce Hicks were also suggested. George felt that a formal letter to prospective board members should be sent asking for their participation.

Secretary Kathy presented the minutes from the December 8, 2015 meeting which were approved. Motion was made by Sandra and 2nd by Linda.

Treasurer Linda presented the report stating a beginning balance of \$10,482.45, expenses totaling \$580.00, and income of \$425.00 for an ending balance of \$10,157.71. This includes \$5,005.98 in the money market, \$758.52 Walking Tour funds, and \$4,393.21 in the checking account. Adelyn moved to approve, Bob 2nd, and report approved.

George shared recent correspondence from Benjamin Brewer, President of the NAACP, inviting the Historical Society to participate in the Black History Parade on Feb. 20th. Adelyn moved that in place of participating, send a donation of \$25.00. Bob 2nd and the motion carried.

Also shared was correspondence from the Jackson County Historical Society regarding the availability of two new publications of Jackson County history. George suggested asking our website support person Jimmy Ray to add a link to the Jackson County Historical Society website on our own website.

Committee Reports: Bob stated that he has sprayed with a product that lasts for a year but will spray again in six months. He has a Red Hot Poker plant to donate to the museum. It will be planted on both sides of the new sign to the rear of the property. Bob will pick up a utensil from a local home improvement center to reach spotlight bulbs that need replacing. The remaining committees were discussed during the following planning session.

At 10:15, the meeting was adjourned and a planning session for 2016 took place until 11:30. During the planning session, areas covered were membership, communication, event planning, grounds, special events, and finance/funding. Among ideas mentioned were to focus on increasing membership, improving curb appeal of the museum, scheduling bus tours open to the public to various historical societies in NE GA, having two fireside-chat history discussions per year, and involving local theatre groups in the Northview Cemetery Walk. Regarding events, discontinuing the Old Time Singing was discussed due to changes in audience and interest. Since Joel Moore was recognized for his 10 years of chairing the event at the last Singing in 2015 at 1st Methodist, now may be the best time to go in another direction. This will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

The next board meeting will be February 9th, and a budget planning session will follow until 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Pfaender, Secretary