

| Cherokee County Genealogical Society | |
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| I | CALL TO ORDER: |
| | The meeting was called to order by the president, Gordon Bennett, on Monday afternoon, February 10, 2020, at 5:30PM in the reception area of the Rusk Heritage Center of Cherokee County Museum. |
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| II | SECRETARY REPORT: |
| | The secretary, Anna Nolley, did not read the minutes of the previous meeting due to the length of the program for the evening. |
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| III | TREASURER REPORT: |
| | The treasurer, Helen Marable, read the treasurer's report. There was \$592.19 in expenses for the month for computer fees, office supplies and special mailings. The income for the month was \$28.50 for books sold and a reimbursement from Square for \$3.50. The balance forward was \$2424.81. |
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| IV | ATTENDANCE / INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS: |
| | 12 members |
| | 1 visitors |
| | 13 Total present |
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| V | OLD BUSINESS: |
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| | A. Gordon announced he had collected another \$100 donation gift from Ms. Phillis Moody. Also, he sent out an email to members that haven't paid their dues; therefore, he had collected some membership dues as well. He has been working on Tree Talk and publication is ready for distribution. |
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| | B. David and Janna Trotter brought Gordon some additional information on the Grigsby, Trotter and Wiggins Cemeteries to be recorded. We are very grateful for all the hard work to collect this much needed information. |
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| | C. Gordon appointed a nomination committee for the insueing year. Those appointed were Barbara Higgins and Helen Marable. |
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| | D. Dana Vega continues to work part time to catalog the genealogy section located at the Rusk Library. She has completed about 10% at this time. Gordon plans to meet with her on Thursday as she begins to put spins labels on the book. This will allow her to the file them in a logical order within the library. |
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| | E. Vivian asked Gordon about his progress on the mailing list since Roots Web plans on changes to the mailing list storage. He still believes it would be cheaper and serve our purpose just as well to use Google as recommended by TexGen. Since Ancestry now owns Roots Web, they will discontinue any of the previously free services as the terms expire if the service doesn't make Ancestry money. |
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| | F. Gordon had a visit from a gentleman from New York City this past week. He asked for Information on the Wilford family in the Atoy area. Gordon directed him to Ms. Wade from Atoy and Chris Morgan in the county survey office. Ms. Wade was able to assist the man with a lot of additional information. |
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| VI | NEW BUSINESS: |
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| | A. There was no new business to discuss this month. |
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| VII | PROGRAM: |
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| | A. Betty Marcon tell with the Heritage Center of Cherokee County provided a presentation on the Cherokee County Hall of Honor located at the museum. The display honors all the Cherokee County casualties from the Korean, WWI, WWII and Vietnam wars. She located a list of all the casualties from an original program from the memorial in Jacksonville. A list of names was found in the Summers Norman's Law Office desk stored there at the museum. Lewis Cox had donated a helmet from the Viet name War and wanted to know how to display it. Betty explained what she needed for the display and he agreed to have it built and donated it to the museum as well. He bought a gun for the display and the boots were donated by Jimmy Persons who also fought in the Vietnam War. Mr. Persons was a graduate of Rusk High School in 1951. |
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| | B. Betty explained how she came up with the idea to display the military casualty name tags after her visit to the Austin Vietnam military display. The Austin display seemed to fit our need at the museum. The cost to sponsor a name tag for a deceased soldier from the casualty list would be \$15. |
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| | C. She also displayed numerous volumes of binders as well as other research sources and documentation she has collected for the display. She discussed her online searches and how to narrow down the search to find a specific person. All in all, it was a lengthy presentation yet filled with excellent information. |
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| VIII | THE MEETING WAS ADJORNED BY THE PRESIDENT GORDON BENNETT AND INVITED EVERYONE TO STAY FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS & VISITATION. |
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