

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the
Fort Smith Historical Society, Inc.

The Fort Smith Historical Society, Inc. held its regular quarterly meeting at 6 PM on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at the Creekmore Park Building. President Clara Jane Rubarth called the meeting to order.

The program was presented by Tonia Holleman and Verdie Triplett, who spoke about their research into the history of the United States Colored Troops and work to find and clean abandoned cemeteries.

Wincie Hendricks gave the membership report, showing a total of 335 members. She also presented the Treasurer's Report and proposed 2010 budget prepared by Treasurer Nancy Ciulla. Jerry Hendricks moved and Jerry Akins seconded the approval of the Treasurer's report and 2010 budget. The motion passed. Nancy Ciulla, Elvin Frick and Jerry Hendricks will serve on the finance committee to better guide our budget efforts in the future. Budgets are required for many grant applications.

Clara Jane mentioned that she would soon appoint a nominating committee and that we will need to replace Floyd Barger who has resigned as a member of the board. There was some discussion about changing meeting dates. The Executive Committee will meet as scheduled on February 10.

Jerry Akins reported on the progress on his book and shared copies of the cover photo. The members were encouraged to attend the Black History Symposium scheduled for January 30.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Ann Campbell, Secretary

Attendance:

Clara Jane Rubarth
Tonia Holleman
Wincie Hendricks
Al Whitson
Verdie Triplett
Linda Sloan Norwood
Lela Brown
Jerry Akins

Jerry Hendricks
Elvin Frick
Leisa Gramlich
Rena Westbrook
Calline Ellis
Greg Smith
Dorothy Johnson