

BCGS
November 7, 2006

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at the Brown Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and President Terria Baynor welcomed 13 members and guests.

Louise Cowell gave the treasurer's report. The minutes from the October meeting were not read due to the absence of Secretary Bea Latham. Corresponding Secretary Mary Disharoon was also absent. Louise Cowell did remind members that the North Carolina Genealogical Society and Family Research Society of Northeastern North Carolina will present "Stop and Smell the Roses: Get in Touch with Your Ancestors" at the First United Methodist Church located at 201 South Road Street, Elizabeth City, N.C. on March 24, 2007. Everyone is encouraged to attend and registration forms are available from Ms. Cowell.

With no nominations from the floor, on a motion by Josephine Ross and seconded by Ann Basnight, the slate of officers for the upcoming year were accepted as presented by the nominating committee. BCGS officers for 2007 are as follows: Jean Gurkin, President; Willene Brinn, Vice President; Louise Cowell, Treasurer; Vernetta Lange, Recording Secretary; Mary Disharoon, Corresponding Secretary; and Albert Everson, 1 year Board of Directors.

Ann Basnight has offered to share magazines that she has saved over the years relating to research and genealogy with club members. She emphasized that information and helpful tips on many aspects of family research can be found in these publications. She suggested that those interested take a magazine for review and return at the next meeting to give all members a chance to make use of these resources.

Albert Everson and Russell Tyson presented a list of possible restaurants for the Christmas social. After discussion by members, Rose Andrew made a motion which was seconded by Roger Baynor that selected Frank's Pizza as the location. The social will be held on December 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

Program Chairman Albert Everson introduced Tom Payne, retiring Beaufort County Clerk of Court as guest speaker. Mr. Payne has served the county in this capacity for 24 years in addition to 8 years as a probation officer. Payne

discussed the many changes that he has seen take place in his line of work since taking office. Some of those included a great increase in work load - handling 20,000 cases per year at present. He also noted that microfilm is utilized to record files and free up space in local office with the originals being sent to the State Archives in Raleigh for preservation. In the past few years much of the information housed by his office has also been made available on the computer such as deeds and wills.

On a motion by Roger Baynor and seconded by Albert Everson, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held at Frank's Pizza, 815 John Small Avenue at 6:30 p.m.