

**MINUTES**  
**BEAUFORT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (BCGS) MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 7 , 2010**

**WELCOME.**

Jean Gurkin called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the recreation hall of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 80 Cedar Circle, Washington, NC. She welcomed the attending members and recognized Donna Carpenter from Chocowinity, NC who was attending as a visitor. Donna is assisting some friends with genealogical research they are doing into the Smith and Cobb families.

**RECORDING SECRETARY.**

Kenneth Boyd read the minutes from the June 1, 2010 meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

**TREASURER.**

Deborah Waters summarized the financial transactions made on the Society's behalf since the June meeting and the current account balances. The financial report was accepted as presented.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.**

Willene Brinn provided an update on correspondence the Society received since the June meeting. She mentioned the volume of correspondence has been falling off for sometime and is now very light. She mentioned the flyer announcing the upcoming meeting of the National Genealogical Society that will be held in Charleston, SC during the period 11-14 May 2011.

**OLD BUSINESS and COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

Query and Research Requests. Ann Basnigh was not able to attend so no update was given on this initiative.

Cemetery Books. Jean Gurkin said the initiative is still on hold and asked if anyone is interested in taking it over. There were not any volunteers.

Josephine "Jo" Ross Publications. Louise Cowell reported the initiative has been on hold over the summer but she and Willene Brinn hoped to move it back to the front burner in the not too distant future.

BCGS Journal. Jean Gurkin reminded the membership to start developing articles for the December 2010 journal. She said the cutoff date for submitting articles will be sometime in November to give Victor Jones time to put the journal together. Jean mentioned that she and

Louise Cowell hand delivered the June Journals to local members to reduce the Society's postage costs since we no longer qualify for bulk mailing rates due to our reduced membership.

5th Generation Ancestral Charts. Albert Everson encouraged anyone who has not provided their family ancestral charts to do so. The charts are being maintained in a binder on the Society's bookshelf at the LDS Church.

Family Surname Index. Kenneth Boyd said he had a fair response to the e-mail request he sent out soliciting information of family surnames the membership are researching and if they are interested in sharing their information with others. He said he hoped to start assembling the information into a publication later this month and he planned to send out a follow-up query to any members who did not respond to the initial query.

Cedar Hill Cemetery. Jean Gurkin reported the initiative is moving slowly. She said progress is being hindered by the lack of information on the cemetery and the conflicting information they are finding. She and Louise Cowell are continuing to work this initiative.

Society Reference Library. Jean Gurkin said the society's reference library currently located at the home of Louise Cowell still needs to be transferred to the Society's bookcase at the LDS Church.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

Nominating Committee. Jean Gurkin solicited volunteers to serve on a committee to nominate Officer and Board of Director candidates for 2011. All Officer positions are up for election and three Board of Director positions also need to be filled. Russell Tyson volunteered to chair the committee. Albert Everson and Jean Gurkin volunteered to assist. Russell agreed to provide a list of candidates at the October meeting.

Christmas Dinner Meeting. Jean Gurkin solicited volunteers to survey local restaurants to identify a facility where the Society could hold a dinner in December. It was agreed that we would prefer to order from the menu and we wanted a separate room. Russell Tyson volunteered to chair the committee. Albert Everson volunteered to assist. Russell will present options at the October meeting.

Speaker for Christmas Dinner Meeting. Albert Everson said he inadvertently invited two individuals to speak at the Christmas Dinner Meeting. It was agreed that the Society would go with Harry Thompson, Curator of the Port O'Plymouth Roanoke River Museum, Plymouth, NC, as the Christmas speaker. Albert said that he would close the loop with Jim Hackney and invite him to attend the meeting as his guest if he was interested in attending.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Beaufort County Genealogical Society will be at 7:00 pm on October 5, 2010 at the LDS Church.

## **PROGRAM.**

No program was presented.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Jean Gurkin adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm following a motion by Deborah Waters and a second by Russell Tyson.

**ATTENDEES.**

Jean Gurkin, President  
Albert Everson, Vice President  
Deborah Waters, Treasurer  
Willene Brinn, Corresponding Secretary  
Kenneth Boyd, Recording Secretary  
Louise Cowell  
Jimmy Taylor  
Janice Tyson  
Russell Tyson  
Odell Parker  
Wayne Jefferson  
Shelby Jefferson  
Betty Dixon  
Charles Racine  
Marilyn Racine  
Philip Hodnett

Donna Carpenter (visitor)