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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH 1, 1962

The Board of Directors of the Mississippi Historical Society met at the Cannoneer Restaurant, Corinth, at 7:00 p.m. on March 1. Miss Pearl V. Guyton, president, was in the chair. Miss Charlotte Capers, secretary-treasurer, acted as secretary. Mrs. W. E. Noblin was present as assistant secretary.

The following members of the Board were present:

Jo Drake Arrington, Mrs. Mary D. Cain, A. Boyd Campbell, Miss Charlotte Capers, Mrs. Herbert Forrest, Claude Gentry, Ed H. Green, William F. LaForge, William D. McCain, R. A. McLemore, Mrs. Florence S. Ogden, Dawson A. Phelps, Mrs. Beulah M. D. Price, James W. Silver, Mrs. George C. Wallace, and William F. Winter.

The following members were absent:

John K. Bettersworth, J. P. Coleman, William Love, John Hebron Moore, and J. Roland Weston.

I. On motion of Dr. McCain, the reading of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Historical Society, which was held on November 18, 1961, was dispensed with.

II. Dr. McCain, chairman of the Program Committee, reported on the program for the Corinth meeting.

III. Mrs. Beulah M. D. Price, chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements, made the report for her Committee.

IV. The President requested the Secretary-Treasurer to report on the Claiborne House. The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the effort being led by Miss Guyton to interest members of the Legislature in the restoration and maintenance of this historic house. Newspaper and television publicity has been used effectively. The President urged the continued support of the Board to assure the restoration and preservation of the Claiborne House.

V. It was moved by Dr. McLemore, seconded by Mr. Arrington, and unanimously resolved that the Mississippi Historical Society pay Mrs. J. Treadwell Davis the sum of \$75.00 for preparing the index to the Journal of Mississippi History.

VI. Mr. Winter reported for the Publications Committee that he had turned over to Dr. Bettersworth Mrs. Calvin S. Brown's manuscript on Lafayette County in the Civil War period.

VII. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Mississippi Commission on the War Between the States is in the process of reprinting the Journal of the Se-  
cession Convention, 1861, and that copies will be distributed by the Mississippi Commission on the War Between the States.

VIII. It was moved by Mrs. Cain, seconded by Mrs. Price, and unanimously resolved that the Publications Committee consult with printers who are qualified to reprint J. F. H. Claiborne's A History of Mississippi as a Province, Territory, and State, obtain bids on reprinting, and report to the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Historical Society.

IX. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the decoration of the Board Room of the Old Capitol Restoration has been completed at a cost of \$1,019.63, and as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, she expressed the appreciation of that Board to the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Historical Society.

X. Mr. Winter, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, reported that appropriate resolutions would be prepared and presented to the membership at the business meeting of the Society on Saturday, March 3.

XI. The Secretary-Treasurer read a telegram from John D. Holland, Mayor of Vicksburg, inviting the Mississippi Historical Society to hold its annual meeting in Vicksburg in 1963. It was moved by Judge Green, seconded by Mrs. Ogden, and unanimously resolved, that the invitation of Mayor Holland be accepted.

XII. Dr. McLemore, acting for Dr. Betterworth, chairman of the Nominations Committee, announced that a meeting of the Nominations Committee, composed of Dr. Betterworth, Judge Green, Dr. LaForge, and Mrs. John Hebron Moore, would be held immediately following the annual dinner on Friday night.

XIV. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that she had received a telephone call during the Board meeting, from the Tobin Map Company, offering microfilm copies of county records of most of Mississippi's eighty-two counties to the Department of Archives and History, the Mississippi Historical Society, or the State of Mississippi, for an approximate top price of \$28,000. On motion of Dr. McLemore, the Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to pursue this matter further, get complete information, and prepare a report for the various interested Boards of which she is secretary.

XV. The Secretary-Treasurer announced that Dr. Silver is the vice-president and president-elect of the Southern Historical Association. It was moved by Dr. McCain, seconded by Mrs. Wallace, and unanimously resolved, that the Secretary be authorized to prepare the proper resolution recognizing Dr. Silver's ascendancy to the office of vice-president of the Southern Historical Association.

XVI. It was moved by Dr. LaForge, seconded by Mr. Arrington, and unanimously resolved, that the editor of the Journal of Mississippi History be invited to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Historical Society.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, the same adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Pearl V. Guyton, President

Charlotte Capers, Secretary-Treasurer