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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH 3, 1962

The annual business meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society was held at the Cannoneer Restaurant, Corinth, on Saturday, March 3, 1962, at 10:00 a.m.

Miss Pearl V. Guyton, president, was in the chair.

I. The minutes and transactions of the last business meeting, which was held at the King Edward Hotel, Jackson, on March 4, 1961, were approved as printed in the July, 1961 issue of the Journal of Mississippi History.

II. The Secretary-Treasurer made the following report, as of February 19, 1962: First National Bank, Operating Fund, \$5,880.11, Savings Account \$2,646.45; First Federal Savings and Loan Association, \$7,294.90; U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, \$3,000; U. S. 4 7/8% Treasury Notes, \$4,000; total, \$22,821.46. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that as of February 19, 1962 there were 16 life members of the Society; 48 exchange members of the Society; and 566 regular members of the Society; or a total of 630 memberships. The Secretary-Treasurer then moved the adoption of this report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cain and unanimously resolved.

III. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Mississippi Commission on the War Between the States is reprinting the Journal of the Secession Convention, 1861, and that copies will be distributed by the Mississippi Commission on the War Between the States.

IV. The Secretary-Treasurer announced that the observance of the sixtieth anniversary of the Department of Archives and History was held on March 26, 1962. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that the Department of Archives and History was created in 1902 through the efforts of the Mississippi Historical Society, and that the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Historical Society was the first Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History.

V. Mr. Billy Robbins of Columbus, representing the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the City of Columbus, and the Lowndes County Historical Society, extended an invitation to the Society to meet in Columbus in 1964.

VI. The President called for the report of the Nominating Committee. Dr. Bettersworth, chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced that Mrs. John Hebron Moore, member of the Committee, was unable to be present, and Mrs. Florence Sillers Ogden had been appointed to serve in her place. Dr. Bettersworth made the following report:

President, Dr. John K. Bettersworth; Vice-President, A. Boyd Campbell; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Charlotte Capers. Members of the Board of Directors elected for a three-year term are: Miss Willery Jackson, University of Southern Mississippi; Mrs. John T. Bottom, Vicksburg; Tom White Crigler, Jr., Macon; Dr. Glover Moore, Mississippi State University; Dr. Jack Gunn, Mississippi College; W. D. Lum, Port Gibson; Dr. James H. McLendon, Delta State College; Assistant Editor of the Journal of Mississippi History, Dr. John Gonzales, University of Southern Mississippi.

Mrs. Cain moved that the slate be elected by acclamation. Dr. Bigelow seconded the motion, and it was unanimously resolved.

VII. The Secretary-Treasurer announced that the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Historical Society had voted to hold the 1963 annual meeting in Vicksburg. She read telegrams from Mayor John D. Holland and various organizations in Vicksburg, urging the Society to accept the invitation to meet in Vicksburg.

VIII. The President called for the report of the Resolutions Committee. Mr. Winter, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, made the following report:

RESOLVED, That the Mississippi Historical Society express its appreciation to Mrs. R. E. Price and her Committee on Local Arrangements for having provided so efficiently and hospitably for this meeting of the Society.

RESOLVED, That the Mississippi Historical Society express its appreciation to the City of Corinth, the Corinth Chamber of Commerce, the officials of Shiloh National Military Park, the Mississippi Highway Patrol, and all other organizations and individuals who contributed their time and effort to the success of this annual meeting.

RESOLVED, That the Mississippi Historical Society express its gratitude to Dr. William D. McCain, chairman of the Program Committee, and to members of his committee for the splendid programs which have featured this meeting of the Society.

Also included in Mr. Winter's report was the following special resolution, as authorized by the Board of Directors at its March 1 meeting:

WHEREAS, Dr. James W. Silver has been recently named vice-president of the Southern Historical Association, and thus is now president-elect of that distinguished organization; and

WHEREAS, This is a high honor and significant recognition which has come to one who has long been identified with this Society;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Mississippi Historical Society that the congratulations and best wishes of the Society be extended to the said Dr. James W. Silver upon his election to this position of leadership in the Southern Historical Association.

It was moved by Mr. Winter, seconded by Dr. McLemore, and unanimously resolved, that these resolutions be adopted.

IX. It was moved by Mr. Winter and seconded by Dr. Bettersworth, that the Society authorize and direct the Publications Committee to proceed to make plans for the publication of J. F. H. Claiborne's History of Mississippi as a Province, Territory and State, and of other materials that would be appropriate, and to that end to allocate from the funds of the Society, including savings accounts, an amount not to exceed \$6,000, this fund to constitute a revolving fund which would result in the publication of materials that otherwise would remain unpublished. This motion was thoroughly discussed and amended, and finally adopted as follows: That the Publications Committee secure bids on the cost of reprinting Claiborne's History, and that the Board of Directors be empowered upon the investigation and report of the Publications Committee to authorize this publication.

X. The President reported that every effort was being made to interest members of the Legislature in the restoration and maintenance of the Claiborne House. The President urged the continued support of the members of the Mississippi Historical Society to assure the preservation and restoration of the Claiborne House.

XI. Dr. Gunn announced the formation of a junior historians' group, which met for the first time at Mississippi College last spring. Dr. Gunn asked that the Mississippi Historical Society offer encouragement and co-operation to the junior group.

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