

March Meeting Minutes

by Janice Eastridge, Secretary

The Crawford County Historical & genealogical Society met March 13, 2006 in the Media Center at the Crawford County Jr.-Sr. High School, President Jim Kaiser presiding.

The speaker was CCHGS member Larry Burmeister, presenting the Jones family genealogy.

Business Meeting Reports:

The February minutes were read, and approved.

No financial report was given.

The Alliance with Indiana grant of \$500 has been received and a presentation ceremony will be held March 15 at 1 p.m. at the Proctor House.

Bills were presented for book printing, having keys made to the old courthouse, a gift certificate, and plaques. Motion was made to accept and carried.

Densil Wilson is resigning as the Archives Coordinator. Larry Burmeister has been approved as the new Coordinator. Many thanks to Densil for all the time and hard work that he put into the job.

The marker for the Marengo Academy is in and ready to be set. Programs and invitations will be made and mailed for the presentation program.

The hen house at the Proctor House is now down and in the process of being cleaned up. The town has removed over 100 old tires that were on the property at no cost. The road to the cemetery was washed out once again after all the recent hard rains. Evelyn Jackson gave the financial report with the beginning balance of \$3746.06 on January 25, and an ending balance of \$3,638.81 on February 22, 2006.

Becky reported the fundraising committee has ordered a sample ornament that can have pictures of the Proctor House, the old court houses, or any other place of significance put on them. They can be sold at our up-coming festivals. A quilt top has been embroidered by Edith Key and is ready to be quilted by Mary Snelling. Raffle tickets will be sold and the proceeds will go to the Proctor House.

There are now 128 members, with two new members joining at the Establishment Day dinner.

Richard Eastridge presented four new books that have been printed: Crawford County Indiana Cemetery Index; Federal Land Records; Liberty Township Cemeteries; Sterling Township Cemeteries; and Whiskey Run Township Cemeteries. There was a discussion on whether to print the books in hard or soft cover. The chair appointed Don Standiford, Becky Hammond Stetter, Larry Burmeister, and the author of any future

book to join Richard as the new Publication Committee.

Roberta Toby reported that Roots Web will advertise for free on their web site the publications that the society has for sale. Roberta will check into having our publications put on Roots Web.

Roberta Toby and Richard Eastridge are working on a book about the CCC Camp that was in Crawford County. They are in the process of interviewing people. Richard is also working on a book about the history of telephones in Crawford county and the Commissioners Records of 1835-1845. Evelyn Jackson is working on a book about the 1812 Soldiers from Crawford County. There are several soldiers who are in need of tombstones. The government will provide the stones free of charge, but does not cover the cost of setting the stones. Richard Eastridge will check with the county Auditor to see if any funds are available.

The need for a digital recorder was brought up. It could be used for interviews, meetings, programs, etc. Hugh Jackson made the motion to buy the recorder and Bobby Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. The amount to spend on the recorder is not to be more than \$100.00

Becky is working on the next newsletter. New brochures advertising the Historical Society was discussed and she showed a sample. They could give information about the meetings, and festivals that the Society attends.

The subscription to the web site needs to be renewed. David Vanlaningham will give a report. Densil Wilson gave the Vice President's report. April 29 is the program for the Marengo Academy Marker. We need a date for the Patoka School pioneer Days program.

In new business Evelyn Jackson reported that Roberta Brock Backer has a large amount of Crawford County history that she would like to donate to the Society. The material can be stored at the old courthouse.

The fourth grade history program was also discussed. The kids seemed enthusiastic and asked some good questions. It was decided to get some feed back from the teachers and principals before deciding to do the book project again every year.