

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Special Meeting of December 10, 2013
6:30-8:00 p.m. at Bauer Exhibit Building
186 CR 101, Port Lavaca, Texas

Minutes of the Secretary

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mary Belle Meitzen, Chair.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Avril Sassman, Member, CCHC.

Quorum:

No formal business was conducted but the sign-in sheets for the CCHC and the guests indicated an attendance of approximately 95 people.

New Business:

The CCHC met on December 10th for the dual purpose of a Christmas party and the honoring of two distinguished members as Member Emeritus.

The meal featured steaks and baked potatoes cooked by Joe Brett and assistant Clay Brett. Side dishes, salads, desserts, paper goods, and utensils were provided by CCHC members and invited guests. An appetizer of taco soup was provided.

Invited guests included the families of the honorees, as well as county officials and city officials. Approximately 75 people attended.

Program:

The program included the honoring of Charles Husak and Myrtle Montier, both being designated as Member Emeritus. Jim Munro introduced Myrtle Montier and gave a summary of her dedicated efforts to preserve and popularize the history of Calhoun County. George Anne Cormier introduced Charles Husak and detailed his lifelong devotion to the history of Calhoun County, as well as his dedication to educating students in the many facets of the history and the folklore of the county in which they live.

The program then turned to Gary Ralston detailing the background of the Battle of Norris's Bridge, the month of December being the 150th anniversary of that Civil War engagement.

The program concluded with the reading from Alex Sweet's history of the Norris's Bridge engagement by George Anne Cormier. Sweet was a member of the 33rd Texas Cavalry which engaged the Union troops in this battle on Christmas Eve, 1863.

Submitted by the Secretary, Sue Thomae

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