

## **MGA Board Meeting and General Meeting Minutes**

**The MGA Board of Directors met on July 26, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Leo's Barn in Greenwood, Mississippi. Board Members present were: Janice Allison, Randall E. Murphree, James Young, Clarence Milstead, Bobby Murphree, and Chairman, Paul Milstead. Mike Murphree and Secretary Wiley Murphree were absent.**

**Bobby Murphree, President, MGA called the meeting to order where the following occurred: In the absence of Secretary not being present, Bobby Murphree asked Randall Murphree to take the minutes.**

**Judy Dover, Treasurer, submitted a treasurer's report and reported that we had a balance of \$5,712.47 with the exception that we had not received a billing from Linda Jordan which would be around \$1,100 dollars for work she had done and cost of publishing the last two newsletters.**

**Also, there was discussion that Judy Dover get an updated list from Linda Jordan at an appropriate time in order to get the most current list of emails and addresses.**

**It was reported that Linda Jordan, editor of our newsletter, and Bruce Jordan, historian, had resigned due to the declining health of Bruce. Also, Janice Allison said she could not serve another term due to health reasons in her family. Randall Murphree reported that Wiley Murphree had offered his resignation. So at this time, we need the following offices to be filled: President, Vice President, Secretary, Historian and one board member.**

**There was much discussion and suggestions by James Young and others that possibly we start emailing the newsletter to our members or post it on line at the Murphree web site. It was discussed that we could possibly leave open the fact to pay someone to do an online newsletter and either email it out to members or allow the members to download it on line, and they could print it.**

**President Bobby Murphree encouraged our board members to seek individuals to fill these positions if possible and if we couldn't that we may have to suspend our next convention and try to restructure our organization. Also, Bobby asked our board members to thank Leo Murphree for furnishing his barn for having our meeting at no cost for the two days of the convention.**

**The board meeting was adjourned around 5:20 p.m.**

**The MGA general meeting was called to order by President Bobby Murphree at 9:00 a.m. on July the 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Leo's Barn in Greenwood, Mississippi. President Murphree invited everyone to visit the large collection of antiques that Leo Murphree had collected over the years. Bobby reported that Linda Jordan and Bruce Jordan had resigned due to the failing health of Bruce. Linda was our newsletter editor and Bruce was our Genealogist and Historian. Since the board was unable to find a President or Vice-President, the board voted to suspend our future conventions until further notice. Financially, we are in good shape. It was discussed that we need to fill the positions of Newsletter Editor and**

**Historian. It was left open how much we would pay the Newsletter Editor for their time to do an on-line posting or email the newsletter in order to save time and cost.**

**Judy Dover, Treasurer, reported that we had \$5, 712.47 and that we owed the Jordan's an approximate balance of \$1,100 for editing and working on the last two newsletters. That would leave us with an approximate balance of \$4,000.00.**

**After much discussion, James Young made a motion to suspend the convention until such time we could reorganize. The motion was seconded by Janice Allison and the vote was unanimous.**

**Rae Murphree stated we were to have 6 board members. It was suggested that we would check with Mike Murphree, Board Member from Dothan, Alabama to see since he had a copy of the by-laws. Clarence Milstead agreed to be the Board.**

**President Murphree asked all members to try to seek to fill the vacant offices. It was suggested that President Murphree draft a letter to send to our members in order to ask for a volunteer to host our convention and to fill some of our vacant offices. Also, it was suggested that Judy Dover send a letter to the Jordan's in order to get an updated email list of members in order to update the database.**

**Offices filled are Randall E. Murphree, (2021), Secretary, Paul Milstead, Chairperson, (2021) Clarence Milstead, (2021), Mike Murphree, (2021), James Young, (2021), and Bobby Murphree, 2021, Board Members.**

**After much discussion about seeking new officers, member Terri Bertrang made a motion to accept any qualified member to hold these offices that are vacant. The motion was seconded by member Amanda Redman. The motion was unanimous.**

**Randall E. Murphree, board member, agreed to be secretary of the organization if we could find a President.**

**Judy Dover, Treasurer, asked if we were going to leave the dues the same if we do not have a mailed out newsletter. After much discussion it was decided that we would leave the membership rate as is until further notice. We would send a letter to members stating that we were converting to an on-line newsletter and/or email.**

**Board Member James Young explained how he had written some books and explained how he got them published for free through Amazon Books. They sell your books on line and you get a royalty from the books sold and you get a small fee for the publishing. You can get a paperback or hardback type book.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.**

**Bobby Murphree called a short board meeting after the banquet on July 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Leo's Barn in Greenwood, Mississippi immediately following the dinner and banquet. Randall**

**Murphree, brought to the Board's attention that Wiley Murphree, his son, would be willing to be our editor for the on-line newsletter with the following conditions: He would want all correspondence to be in Microsoft Word, he would get all the old newsletters where he could get the History and not reprint material that had already been used, he would get the updated email addresses from the Jordan's and the membership chairperson, and that all correspondence sent to him such as obituaries, marriages and accolades be electronically sent to him at his email address. He agreed to be the editor for \$200 per issue two times a year which is the current frequency of the newsletters. After a short discussion it was voted unanimously that we accept his offer.**

**\*Minutes assembled by Randall E. Murphree, Acting Secretary of MGA\***