

## Ayden Historical & Arts Society Minutes

July 22, 2023

### Members Present:

Bill & Andrea Norris, Carolyn Rouse, Faye Warren, Sarah P. Conner , Doris Conner, Phil & Denise Barth, Lelia Jackson, Eric Walls , Alice Cannon-Parks, Ivory Mewborn

### Guests Present:

Angela Roberson:

Meeting began with our guest Angela Roberson, who was introduced by Eric Walls. Ms. Roberson gave a presentation about Ayden Historic African Cemetery and "A Contextual Timeline: Rolan Mills to John S. Miles 1828-1936. She spoke about her ongoing research into her family genealogy and the connection to the Ayden African American Cemetery. Ms. Roberson will be a featured speaker at the Collard Festival. Ms. Roberson is still seeking funding for her booklet – John S. Mills and the Ayden African American Cemetery, and is planning to sell her booklet at the Collard Festival.

### Financial Report:

Checking Account Balance – 7/22/2023 - \$13,433.82 ,

Money Market (Savings) – 7/22/2023 - \$15,038.50

Brick Account – 7/22/2023 - \$1,260.00

Expenses for the quarter included part time employment, supplies, P.O. Box renewal, insurance, Metronet (router), and U.S. Cellular (contract cancellation)

### Updates:

11 bricks to send in. The laser engraving machine is down, and it will be at least the middle of September before we get bricks. Hoping to get the bricks by the Collard Festival. Financial Report Minutes approved – Eric Walls, Seconded - Lelia Jackson, Phil Barth

### **Museum Attendance:**

Between July and October over 161 visited the museum including visitors from Moab Utah.

Groups and organizations continue to utilize our Museum for their meetings

### **Attendance (cont)**

Collard Festival – High volume of attendance at the Museum during the Collard Festival

Ways of getting more groups to use the Museum to hold their meetings

Need for a script to use for self-guided tours. Faye Warren volunteered to help write the script for each exhibit.

### **Church Exhibit:**

Research for exhibit was completed and was designed and implemented by Philip Barth. The exhibit was completed before the Collard Festival. There has been a great amount of interest in the exhibit.

### **New Business:**

#### **Mural:**

Framing for the mural will be provided by the Town of Ayden, this will take place when the weather is cooler. Volunteers are needed for tracing, painting and moving panels.

### **Technology Issues:**

Update from Eric about Website development . Metronet installation went well and is much better, but it costs more than the US. Cellular. Ongoing discussion about updating the website, to include taking donations on line.

### **Volunteers Needed:**

\_Mural

Church Brochure

Docents

Research – Helen Dixon, History Professor at ECU expressed interest in sharing information with ECU Library, and having interns with research and scanning (Turnage Collection).

**Next Meeting: October 22, 2023**