

DANCING RABBIT GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2017

President's Message

Greetings,

As we come to the end of this fiscal year for Dancing Rabbit Genealogical & Historical Society we all need to thank each other for all that we have accomplished this year. And as we look forward to next year each of us needs to search our group for leaders for 2018. According to the bylaws we are supposed to elect officers for the next year in November. If you will serve, please come to the meeting and let it be known that you are willing to serve.

Work on the Sudduth House is making progress. We hope to have the front room on the right side almost finished by the time of the November meeting. The ceiling and the walls have been painted and they look great. Thank you to everyone who has helped monetarily, materially or physically with this project. We do have much more work to do and need all the help we can get. This project cannot be completed in a short time.

Here are my thoughts on what I think are future needs for our organization. We've tried for years to get a place of our own. We now have that place thanks to the donation by the Sudduth family. If we plan to keep this property, we must be serious about doing things to raise money. If you attended last month's meeting you know that insurance will cost almost \$1,800 annually. Water, sewer and garbage pickup is \$58 per month and our electrical bill should run about the same as water once the work on the house is finished. We will need to have several fundraisers throughout the year. We need to create letters to take to business places and ask for donations of funds or materials. I think if we were to go in person and talk to people they would be willing to donate. I got the paint and some supplies donated just by asking for it. We

See you at the **November Meeting**



Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017

1:00 PM

Meeting to be held at the Sudduth House

309 N. Van Buren St., Carthage, MS

have had only a few places in town that have donated money. If we were to go and talk to others

and tell them what their competitors have donated that may prompt them to donate also. I want us to consider getting a plaque and put on it all the names that donated \$250 or more. I have a price on a plaque that will have room to add donors as we get additional donors.

Regarding fundraisers, if our group decides to do a fundraiser we must all pitch in to help. Two or three people cannot work them all of the time. If we set a date to do something we will need to adjust our schedules so we can help. Another thing we must do is increase our membership. We need to think about people to take our places in a few years. We may have to change the day or time of our meetings. I urge you to have an open mind concerning changes we may have to make.

I have been asked if we as a group are interested in doing a cemetery tour of the old Carthage Cemetery in the spring. This would be a tour of certain graves with actors standing by the grave and giving an account of the person buried there. If you are interested, just let me know and we can see if we can get help with actors and costumes. We would charge a small fee to help with expense.

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I hope to see you at the next meeting at the
Sudduth house on November 8.

Robert