

Friends of Geer Cemetery
Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2015

Attending: Eddie Davis, David Eustice, Jessica Eustice, and Dorothy Farrington

1. **Call to order:** 2:53 pm
2. **Amend and Approval of the September 25, 2015 Minutes:** Eddie Davis moved to accept the minutes, Ms. Farrington 2nd. Approved
3. **New Business:** Mr. Davis brought a proposal for things needed for the 150th Anniv. Celebration/dedication. Several florists will be asked to donate wreaths. A portable PA system may be needed. The Libation Ceremony will be done at Stagville AND Lee Farms. Eddie Davis read an email sent to Commissioner Fred Foster from Dr. Victor Maafo of Peace Missionary Baptist Church responding positively the request to pour libations on December 5th. Dr. Victor Maafo has expressed his interest in participating in all of the activities of the 150th observation of the ratification of the 13th Amendment.
4. Because Jessie did not know that Dr. Victor Maafo had agreed to officiate , David Eustice contacted Dr. William Daye at Peace Missionary Baptist Church on today (October30) just by leaving a message on his answering machine.
5. Stagville is having their Christmas at Stagville and are happy we are having our Libation Ceremony at the enslaved person's cabins. The staffs of Congressmen Butterfield, and Price have put those dates on their calendars. They may be able to secure letters from President Obama, The Congressional Black Caucus, as well as their own.
6. The choir director of the NCCU Alumni Choir, Grover Wilson, is interested in being involved. A group of older people might talk about the lives, wisdom and endurance of the enslaved people.
7. Quakers (since David is a graduate of Sandy Spring Friends School, and Jessie is a graduate of Carolina Friends School David may be the presenter here) would represent the white abolitionist. A tribute to Gov. W.H. Holden. Along with good music and a host/hostess (Jessica) from Friends of Geer, plus a proper thanks from FOGC to the White Rock Baptist Church for hosting us. Reverend Van Stephens may be willing to participate in the ceremony. Someone from The Friends of Geer will check on this
8. We will need to have letters of request and thank you to those who help and donate. A program might be created to advertise and thank.
9. A public relations plan is needed. Press releases and media talking points need to be written. There is a possibility that the governor would participate at the wreath laying ceremony, or send a at least a letter of support, one might think.
10. **Next Meeting:** November 13, 2015, 2:30 pm-3:30 pm at Jessie and David's House
11. **Adjourn:** 4:05 pm

Humbly submitted by David Eustice