

# **BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, November 24, 2003**

President Neil Miserendino called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

The following members were present: Leo Waltz, Mary Carlisle, Linda Goerland, Wanda Yelverton, Jeanine Lawrence, Neil Miserendino, Ron Cox, and Doug Wilson, and Mary Martin. Leslee Fehlman came in after the vote in the newsletter.

Jeanine Lawrence reported that Resa Hennings has been diagnosed with cancer. Shirley Lindquist's daughter has cancer. Doug Wilson reported that Polly Wilson's health is excellent and apparently free of cancer.

Jeanine Lawrence read Psalm 105 "O Give Thanks to the Lord" for the Thanksgiving season. Jeanine led us in a prayer.

Doug Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jeanine Lawrence seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor. Motion accepted.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that 11 people went to the Clayton Library on November 5. The next trip will be on February 23, 2004 to the Clayton Library and the last trip will be on March 17, 2004. There will be sign up sheets on the table in the back of the room for these trips at the November and January meetings.
2. Doug Wilson, Member Services Chairman, reported that everyone has to make his or her own reservations at the hotel for the Salt Lake City Trip.
3. We had a discussion about making the newsletter public on the website. The September issue is on the website. It was felt that members get something extra receiving the newsletter by paying their dues. Mary Martin asked about making phone numbers and e-mail addresses public by putting the newsletter on line. The 5-generation charts also give mother's maiden name; mother's maiden names are used as a source of identity for credit cards and other business reasons. Doug Wilson said that giving a false maiden name for business reasons could solve this. There are no birth dates on the 5-generation charts that we publish. Wanda Yelverton suggested that we put the newsletter online in 6 months and Jeanine Lawrence was thinking that 2 months might be a good time. We will not put the Quarterly online, so this will be what member's dues pay for. Jeanine Lawrence said that Resa Hennings had done a wonderful job on the Quarterly. Wanda Yelverton made a motion to put the newsletter online in two months. Doug Wilson seconded the motion. Eight members were in favor and none were opposed.

4. Wanda Yelverton, Chairman of the Holiday Party, passed around a sample copy of tickets to be sold for the Holiday Party. The meal is to be catered; they are using Sam at the church to be in charge. The tickets will be \$10.00 per person, and the society's cost will be \$7.00 per person. We will have ~~ham~~ <sup>sweet roast pork</sup>, potatoes, green beans, rolls, and ~~fruit~~ <sup>cheesecake</sup>. We can use plastic tablecloths, which would be cheaper than cloth tablecloths. We will also use paper plates and plastic flatware. Selling the tickets is going slowly. Linda Goerland and Mary Carlisle will take the tickets at the party. We want people to pay for their tickets before that night so that the society doesn't get stuck paying for meals for people who aren't there. We need someone to call people to get them to come. Sunday at the meeting, we will have the tickets; Linda Goerland will take care of what needs to be done. The program that Dick Warren has scheduled will be "War of Northern Aggression". There was some discussion about using this title because it may be offensive to some people; maybe, "Civil War" or "War Between the States" may be better. The title will be printed on the tickets. All of the tickets will be sold in advance, and no tickets will be sold at the door. There will be door prizes. We cannot raffle the table decorations. Dress as your ancestor if you would like to do so.
5. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, reported that we had 71 members and 6 visitors present at the October 26 meeting for a total of 77. Jeanine reported that we have collected \$15.00 on the list of genealogical websites. We collected \$5.00 for the "Surname Database". The proceeds were given to the treasurer, Linda Goerland. Jeanine has made 1000 copies of programs. She needs to reimburse the church. Ten cents will be charged for each page of the programs to cover the cost. Jeanine made more copies of the list of genealogical websites. There was an article in the League City News Thursday, October 23 and Thursday, October \_\_\_\_\_ on cemeteries. An article was written by a librarian entitled "A Step Back in Time" about the people who settled League City in 1854; Jeanine thought that this might be a good article for the Quarterly. The "League City News" is at the League City Hall every week on Thursday.
6. Linda Goerland, Treasurer, reported that the Balance Forward was \$2,745.33. Income from membership dues was \$460.00, and income from the genealogy class was \$15.00 for a total of \$475.00. Expenses were \$404.01 leaving a balance on hand of \$2,816.32 less \$300.00 in the Reserve Fund leaving a balance of \$2,516.32 for November 24, 2003. We need to have a copy of the Treasurer's Report on the back table at the general meetings. The question was raised, "Do we have to pay sales tax"? Copy Doctor does not charge us sales tax. We should register with Office Depot. Linda needs receipts by Sunday night because she will be gone. Neil will sign checks. Linda asked about financial reports that she has to do for the State of Texas. Do we have to pay a registration fee? What kind of an income tax form do we need to do? Neil Miserendino will get this information for her.
7. Leo Waltz, Newsletter Layout and Webmaster Chairman, reported that the website was updated today. Leo pulled out the material on Doug Wilson's Salt Lake City Class and Alice Jones' material on the trip. Leo tries to hold the fonts to 3 or 4 so it won't make the file too large. If individuals have no fonts, it makes

the file too large. Leo is trying some new things. Leon passed a flyer that we could have at the next meeting for the Christmas Party. Leo could print them in black and white on his copier. Leo will run off 50 copies.

8. Leslee Fehlman, Newsletter Distribution Chairman, processed 67 newsletters. This required picking them up, folding, stapling, placing stamps on them, and taking them to the post office.
9. Doug Wilson, Member Services Chairman, reported that 19 people registered for the Salt Lake City Trip. The classes concluded yesterday. Ninety-five dollars was received for the classes; \$21.00 was used for overhead films. Doug paid for the handouts himself. He has been unsuccessful in scheduling new courses until after the first of the year. We might want to offer some well-rounded courses, such as Scrap booking, Interviewing, Research out of town, Use of the internet efficiently, and How to write a family history as opposed to documenting. He wants to get a questionnaire entitled "Would you be willing to spend \$20.00 on a genealogy class?" Classes could be Basic Organization, Scandinavian Research, and Scotch-Irish Research. Doug needs help to do these courses. He does not want to hire an expensive genealogist because we can use our own people to do the programs.
10. Ron Cox, Registrar, has not contacted anyone directly about paying his or her dues. Ninety-seven people have not paid. Mary Carlisle volunteered to call people. Neil Miserendino said that he would send out an e-mail. There was a form for dues in the November newsletter.
11. Neil Miserendino talked about a list of back issues of publications that Clayton Library needs. He will announce it at the general meeting and put it on the website.
12. Mary Carlisle suggested that we might think about giving a membership discount to those people who receive their newsletter by e-mail?

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Leonard Martin*

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