

## **Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes - Corrected**

### **Monday, August 22, 2005**

President Ron Cox called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. Seventeen members attended the meeting: Leo Waltz, Doug Wilson, Ron Cox, Rose Mary Fritz, Jeanine Lawrence, Dick Warren, Carole Varnado, Alice Braud-Jones, Claudia Grafton, Mary Martin, Barbara Stanley, Lee Jared, Resa Hennings, Leona Cook, Neil Miserendino, Loren Martin, and Susie Ganch.

Before we started the regular part of the board meeting, we discussed the change in room assignments at the University Baptist Church. Jeanine Lawrence wrote a formal statement: "Future meetings: UBC will no longer be able to provide us a room on Sunday. The Church has a growing list of programs and activities on Sunday and they will be using all of the rooms. They have offered us a place to meet on Friday night or Saturday morning. But, because we are such a large group and have a complicated set-up, the Church will have to charge a Set-Up Fee of \$30.00 to help recover some of their costs."

It takes the custodians a couple of hours to set up for our group. Jeanine has reserved the Great Room on the second floor for Friday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. She checked for the last Friday of September and October, the Friday before Thanksgiving in November, and December 30; these dates are all available at the present time. Doug Wilson asked if this will work for the next few months or do we need to find something else? Claudia Grafton was concerned about the speakers being able to come on Friday nights? Resa Hennings suggested that we put the problem to the membership. There are only three rooms in the Church large enough to accommodate our group: the Chapel, the Great Room, and another room on the third floor.

Dick Warren thought that the University of Houston in Clear Lake might have some space; Gaye (*Gaye*) Carter would be able to tell us about whether they would have space for us. Neil Miserendino said that the Freeman Library would not be able to give us space. Barbara Stanley said that we have very good service at the University Baptist Church; why do we need to have a committee to look for something else? On Saturday, we would have to be out of the Church by 3:00 p.m., and on Friday, we would have to be out by 9:30 p.m. Groups meet early in the afternoon on Sunday; there is no Sunday space at all. The Clear Lake Community Center is not open on Saturday and Sunday, and the cost is \$700.00. Leona Cook said that there were some people who did not like meeting on Sunday when the Society was formed.

Neil Miserendino said that we should let the Society discuss it; just let them vote for Friday or Saturday. Alice Braud-Jones suggested that we let them vote for Friday at 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. or Saturday at 12:00 noon. Ron Cox said that we would have to have September 24 for Saturday or September 30 for Friday. It was felt that we should schedule the meetings for September and October now. It was suggested that we set it for 6:30 on Friday, September 30. Leona Cook suggested that we could eat first and then have the program and meeting later. We would need to put a time limit on eating and visiting. It would be experimental until we get it right. Lee Jared suggested that we eat at 6:00 and have the program and meeting at 7:00 on Friday. Claudia Grafton suggested that we have the Installation of Officers during the Social Hour. Alice Braud-Jones suggested that we have the meeting for November and December together. We can have the Chapel on Friday, December 30 or Friday, December 18 (**16**). Jeanine Lawrence suggested Friday, November 18 for the meeting because of Thanksgiving. We need to decide early because of the scheduling of speakers. It was suggested that we have October 28, November 18, and December 16 or 30 in the Great Room; these are the available dates. Resa Hennings suggested that Ron appoint a committee to see what can do down the road. Ron thought that we should

have a committee: Claudia Grafton, Barbara Stanley, and Dick Warren were appointed. Shirley Lindquist could be added later. Barbara Stanley suggested that we get a committee member from the general membership. Alice Braud-Jones said that Gateway might work. Dick Warren said that the Presbyterian Church on El Dorado might work. Loren Martin said that we should have dates set for the next four months.

Dick Warren made a motion to have the Society Meetings at University Baptist Church on Friday, September 30, October 28, November 18, and December 16. Doug Wilson seconded the motion. Alice Braud-Jones wanted the December meeting held on December 30 because of the possibility of people having office parties. Dick Warren withdrew his motion. We had a show of hands for December 30, 8 votes and December 16, 9 votes.

Resa Hennings made a new motion to have the meetings at University Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays, September 30, October 28, November 18, and December 16. Doug Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lee Jared thought that she was responsible the Hospitality Committee on September 30. Loren Martin wanted to have it clarified.

Ron Cox called the regular part of the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Jeanine Lawrence read from Lamentations 3:18-26 and led us in a prayer.

Alice Braud-Jones moved to accept the minutes as written and sent out by e-mail. Neil Miserendino seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Resa Hennings, Treasurer, gave her report. The Balance Brought Forward for August 22, 2005 was \$2,490.30. The Income was from Membership Dues \$90.00 and Sale of Lists and a "Quarterly" \$5.50 for a total of \$95.50. The Expenses were from Food Service \$8.45 and Printing of the "Newsletter" and the "Quarterly" \$282.55 for a total of \$291.00. The Balance on Hand was \$2,294.80. Neil Miserendino moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Leona Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Barbara Stanley, Librarian, reported that our library that we had collected went to the Bay Town Genealogical Society. Barbara read a thank you note that she received from them.

"May 6, 2005 – Dear Ms. Stanley,

On behalf of the Baytown Genealogy Society, we thank you for your kind donation of the genealogy books and magazines. The quantity is too large for me to list here at this time. I can send you a complete list at a later date if you need it.

These publications will be a great addition to our library and will bring enjoyment to many patrons and members for years to come. The publications are currently being cataloged and will be placed on our shelves for the use of our members and patrons.

Thank you for thinking of our library and for your generosity. We invite you and your guests to come by, have a cup of coffee, and visit with us any time we are opened. Our business hours are: Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

A tax-exempt form is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely, Jeannie Wellspring, Secretary"

The copy of the letter will be given to Shirley Lindquist, Corresponding Secretary.

2. Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar, reported that we have three new members: Deborah Gammon, Billie Hayley, and Jerry Hayley. Will Varnado renewed his membership. This brings our total membership to 182 members. Rose Mary passed out renewal forms to all the board members.
3. Carole Varnado, Historian, will work with Tammy Frey when she is available to learn how to do the Five Generation Charts. Susie Ganch, Quarterly Editor, wanted to get a new format for the "Quarterly".
4. Neil Miserendino, E-mail Chairman, updated the new member list. He will update the "Yearbook" later. There is an increase in price for NARA microfilm at the Clayton Library. They would like to collect money before the deadline of October 1 to purchase the 1930 Census. The Clayton Library Friends orders it for the Clayton Library. Neil or Dick will make an announcement at the Society Meeting.
5. Claudia Grafton, Newsletter Editor, made the announcement for the new people on the newsletter staff. Carole Varnado will do the Five Generation Charts. Linda Carrington will be the editor; she did the lay-out before Leo Waltz. Alice Braud-Jones and Barbara Stanley will be the proof readers. Lee Jared will be in charge of distribution. The new staff will be somewhat involved producing the September edition and the new people will take over on October 1. Doug Wilson will stay as the lay-out person. Doug got a note from Rose Mary that she like "Gems from Genealogists". Doug would like to have reporters in the future. Claudia said that the deadline for the next newsletter is September 3.
6. Alice Braud-Jones gave a report about the Federation of Genealogical Societies. It costs \$55.00 a year for 100-199 members. She passed out a handout with information about this society. Alice Braud-Jones passed out a membership form for the Federation of Genealogical Societies. We need to do it now, the end of August, to be listed in their directory because the new directory comes out soon. The membership form is on the FGS website. Alice recommends it if we are to grow as a society. It lists our meeting date, and you can go to the website to get the meeting dates. Loren Martin made a motion that we join the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Alice Braud-Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed. Resa will fill out the forms and send them in.
7. Leo Waltz, Webmaster, encouraged people to check the website, [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org).
8. Dick Warren, Second Vice-President and Program Chairman, has talked to Wolfram Von-Maszewski about being the speaker on the last Sunday in September. He will talk to him about the last Friday in September. Jeanine will need to call Dick about confirmation on the dates that we selected. Speakers need to know with the date change and the social hour being before the program that there is flexibility for them in starting the program. Dick added that the NARA microfilm presently is \$34.00 and will change to \$65.00 October 1. There is a way to get the form on-line. The French vendor making the films said that they are no making any money, so they raised the price. Doug said that the availability may not be forever. He said that the computer digitized copies are in no way inferior to film, and Kodak is going out of the film business. Microfiche is still being produced.
9. Susie Ganch, "Quarterly" Editor, said that she did not get any more "How I Got to Texas Stories". These stories have had a good response from the readers. Susie was planning on doing the stories this year only; Dick and Ron urged her to do them next year. They are planning to

write their stories. Susie asked if she should list the old officers in the September issue. Resa said that August 31 is the end of the fiscal year. Ron told Susie to do it like she was going to do it. Neil said that not all of the committee chairmen may be in place yet. Loren Martin said that there have been some errors on the family ancestral names listed in the "Quarterly"; he has heard comments from two people. Susie has two people who proof read them. Barbara Stanley offered to help her staff proof read.

10. Leona Cook, Publicity Chairman, reported that paid advertising in the "Citizen" for a 2 column by 3" equals 6" for four weeks would be \$106.00. The "Citizen" staff commented that it is not worth it to run it less than four weeks. There are special prices sometimes. Leona asked Resa to help get a picture in the "Citizen" of the new officers. Resa will make sure that she gets a write-up.

11. The next trip to the Clayton Library on the county bus is Wednesday, September 21.

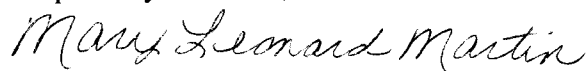
12. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, reported that the July attendance at the Board Meeting was 13. The attendance at the Society meeting was 74 (66 members and 8 visitors). She received 50 cents from the sale of a Web Site List and \$2.00 for a Surname Data Base List for a total of \$2.50.

Leo Waltz asked when he should put the new date for the September meeting on the website. It should be announced now, the sooner the better. We have to do a correction for the newsletter because the September date was published on Sunday.

Dick Warren said that we should thank University Baptist Church for four years meeting in their church which has helped make us a stable society.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Leonard Martin  
Recording Secretary