

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2006

President Loren Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Fifteen members were present: Jeanine Lawrence, Neil Miserendino, Susie Ganch, Rose Mary Fritz, Claudia Grafton, Shirley Lindquist, Carole Varnado, Doug Wilson, Leo Waltz, Dottie Crabb, Lee Jared, Mary Martin, Loren Martin, Resa Hennings, and Dick Warren.

Jeanine Lawrence read from Ephesians 1: 3-8 and led us in a prayer.

The minutes were accepted as written.

Resa Hennings presented the Treasurer's Report. The Balance Brought Forward on January 23, 2006 was \$4,415.96. The Income was from Membership Dues \$45.00 and Holiday Party Tickets Sold \$50.00 for a Total of \$95.00. These Expenses were: Newsletter (printing) \$35.13; Holiday Party Expense \$569.31; "Quarterly" Postage \$28.01; Dues Paid (Clayton Library and Federation of Genealogical Societies) \$28.01; Website Renewal \$16.00; Contribution to Clayton Library \$50.00, and Printing (handouts, Alameda Mall Fair) \$50.00 for a Total of \$823.45. The Balance on Hand was \$3,687.51. The report was accepted as presented. \$65.25 was paid to Copy Dr. that was not our charge. We finally got our picture in the "Citizen". The person from the "Citizen" had misplaced our picture. The B.A.G.S. Brochure was redone for the Alameda Mall Fair. Resa did a report on Historical Income vs. Expense Comparison for the first four years (2001 through 2005).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Shirley Lindquist and Leona Cook worked on the Hospitality Committee Chairman vacancy. We need someone to supervise bringing food to the meetings. Lee Jared has volunteered to oversee the "Snack Supper". Shirley asked for someone from the Board to help her oversee and set up. Loren will ask members to bring food at the next meeting. Loren said that we will have multiple donation baskets, one at the sign-in sheet and one on the table with the food.
2. Budget Figures – Keep in mind what you spend even if you don't budget it. Resa Hennings asked Dottie Crabb and Neil Miserendino to be on the Auditing Committee with Resa and Loren Martin.
3. Loren passed out a "CAN DO" sheet of things that members can do for our Society. They were: refreshments, ride sharing, telephoning, articles for publication and volunteering for committees, projects, inter-society activities, volunteer at the Clayton Library, and seminar support. He has a concern that a lot of people enjoy coming to the monthly meetings, but only a few are doing the work. He will hand out the "CAN DO" sheet to members at the meetings unless the Board does not want him to do so. Jeanine knows four people who do not come to the meetings because they need a ride. Jeanine would be willing for people to call her to get rides. Loren wants to know exactly what we are going to do for the next year. Loren is looking at the short term planning rather than the long-term planning.
4. Dottie Crabb talked about the "Book Exchange". A member of our Society gave her some books on different parts of Maryland. She thought that they could sell at half price. Susie Ganch and Rose Mary Fritz brought books to donate. Clayton Library already has these books. They cost \$50.00 to \$75.00 new. They are hard bound county histories. Dottie said that Baytown Genealogical Society would be willing to any unsold books. Claudia said that Barbara Stanley knows the person at Baytown Genealogical Society. Jeanine said that she would provide a table if Dottie wanted to bring them to the meeting. Dottie thought that we could do one big sale and let other genealogical societies know about them. Dottie is cleaning out her quarterlies.

Someone might want older magazines such as "Family Tree", etc. Dottie want help with the pricing and also another newsletter notice. Dottie will write the notice. Susie suggested that we do this in May at the Society meeting. We want to start bringing books to the meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Darwin L. Gilmore Elementary School will be dedicated on Sunday, February 5, 2006 at 2:30. The R.S.V.P. number is (281) 284-0020. It will be on Super Bowl Sunday. The school is located at 3552 Brittany Bay Blvd. and Bay Area Blvd.
2. Dick Warren sent out an e-mail about Marje Harris being suspended for two weeks by Brenda Tirrell, her supervisor. Clayton Library has a national reputation. Dick Warren felt that he needed to show support for Marje Harris. A member of the Clayton Library Friends has caused some problems with her Marje Harris' staff. Dick stated that this is not consistent with what he knows is going on. Shirley Lindquist asked if our Society might have any legal liability if we support her. Dick is asking us to do it as an individual. Should we alert the B.A.G.S. membership and let them support Marje Harris? Dick has sent it to Clayton Library Friends. Lesley Douthwaite will be the speaker on Friday night in Marje Harris' place. Dick will send the same e-mail to B.A.G.S. that he sent to the Clayton Library Friends. Jeanine Lawrence made a motion that an e-mail be sent to B.A.G.S. Resa Hennings seconded the motion. Neil Miserendino will send the e-mail. The motion was passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Claudia Grafton, Holiday Party Chairman, reported that we sold \$775.00 worth of tickets. The supplies and other costs were \$569.31 leaving a profit of \$205.69. This goes into the Society General Budget money. We do not have to save it for next year. We had cookbooks given out at the holiday party prepared by Mary Martin, Paula Sinning, and Claudia Grafton. We have some left over that will be brought to the Society meeting. Jeanine said that we should sell them. Susie suggested \$2.00 and Dick suggested \$3.00. Most of the Board favored \$2.00.
2. Some members of the Society would like to have a more extensive cookbook. We would have to start fresh and establish a new committee. The recipes that were collected previously have disappeared. Resa Hennings said that she would be part of the committee. It could be a heritage cookbook with pictures. Tell people to get their recipes together and submit them to Resa. Shirley asked what we should use the money for; Dick said that we could use it to jump start a speaker program.
3. Claudia Grafton, Long-Range Planning Committee reported on looking for a Sunday location to have our meetings. She has several locations, but none of them that she is happy about. She suggests that we stay on Fridays for the rest of this year and work on it for next year. No one has anything like University Baptist Church. The choices are limited. Attendance is picking up on Fridays. She will visit all of her locations again. Dick said that speakers could have a problem on Fridays with traffic. Claudia likes the Hope Village idea. University Baptist Church does not have any large rooms that we can use on Sundays. Jeanine has reserved rooms through August on Fridays, and we should continue to look for some place on Sunday. Carole Varnado moved that we stay where we are on Friday nights until August. Resa Hennings seconded the motion. The motion passed. We have to be out of the Church by 9:30 p.m. They would like for us to be out by 9:00 p.m. We will have the food first and the speaker later, as we have been doing since meeting on Fridays.
4. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, reported that the November attendance for the Society Meeting was members 60 and visitors 7 for a total of 67. There were 13 members at the November Board Meeting. The Sales Income was \$3.00 from Web Sites Lists; \$2:00 from the "Everton Magazine"; and 45 cents from Mary's forms for a total of \$5.45. There were 62 people

at the Holiday Party, 51 members and 11 visitors. University Baptist Church was paid \$384.00 (\$6.00 x 64 people) for the meal and \$45.00 for setting up the room with tables and chairs. Linda Goerland is missing two tablecloths, and Mary Martin is missing two forks. The January 27 Society Meeting was scheduled for the 3rd Floor Meeting Room. The Chapel became available so Jeanine reserved it for the January meeting is that is all right with the Board. Neil Miserendino can send an e-mail to the members about the change. It will be pot luck dinners from now on; Carole Varnado said that Neil Miserendino should send out an e-mail informing the members that it will be a pot luck dinner now.

5. Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar, reported that we have had no new members since the last meeting. We do not pick up new members at the "Holiday Party" or the "Show and Tell" meetings. Rose Mary did not find anything in the By-Laws about when the fiscal year ends to start collecting for the new year. She thought that we need to tell the members when the fiscal year is because some of them sent in dues for 2006.
6. Doug Wilson, Compositor and Lay Out for the Newsletter, had nothing to report. There was a change in speaker. Lee Jared included a note in the Newsletter. Doug needs more submissions, and he feels that it needs reporters.
7. Dick Warren, Second Vice-President in charge of Programs, reported that Lesley Douthwaite will substitute for Marje Harris at the January meeting. Bruce Krewinghouse will talk about "Migration Trails and Using Maps" in February. Clayton Library Friends has a new director, Frances Trimble.
8. Susie Ganch, "Quarterly" Editor, has some "Quarterlies" to mail out. The December issue is ready to be picked up. She needs articles for the March "Quarterly". She had her husband write an article. Dick said to call Trevia Beverly. Susie needs family articles and area history.
9. Carole Varnado asked if the "Yearbooks" are ready. Neil Miserendino said no. He needs more pictures of members.
10. Neil Miserendino, E-Mail Chairman, is still working on the Yahoo connection for our Society.
11. Shirley Lindquist, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she did not write any notes this month. She asked that we e-mail her with things.
12. Leo Waltz, Webmaster, had a photo on the website in December from the Holiday Party. He had to pick one that had the best quality. He felt that we need a ladder for the photographer and chairs for the people in the front to sit on.
13. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that the next trip is Wednesday, February 8 to the George Memorial Library in Richmond. The next two trips to Clayton Library are Thursday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 14.
14. Friendswood Library has started up monthly genealogical seminars. Jeanine will put a list of their workshops on the back table.
15. Alice Braud-Jones, First Vice-President, reported that she would like to work on a project to record Mount Olivet Cemetery information. There is also a cemetery at Trinity Episcopal Church in Dickinson, and the other cemetery in Dickinson is Presbyterian. Rose Mary Fritz talked to a lady about Harris County Marriages; she will work on them. She also talked about records of Early Wills in Galveston County; she talked about a man named Menuican Hunt who wrote a will.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Leonard Martin
Recording Secretary