

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 20, 2006

President Loren Martin called the meeting to order. Seventeen members attended the meeting: Jeanine Lawrence, Loren Martin, Dick Warren, Alice Braud-Jones, Resa Hennings, Leo Waltz, Linda Carrington, Paula Sinning, Claudia Grafton, Carole Varnado, Shirley Lindquist, Dottie Crabb, Lee Jared, Rose Mary Fritz, Mary Martin, Susie Ganch, and Neil Miserendino.

Jeanine Lawrence read from 1 Peter 2: 13-17 and led us in a pray.

The minutes were approved as e-mailed.

Resa Hennings, Treasurer, gave the report. The Balance Brought Forward on February 20, 2006 was \$3,687.51. The Income was from Membership Dues \$120.00; Donations at the Pot Luck Supper \$53.00; and Sale of Publications \$5.45 for a total of \$178.45. The Total Expenses were from the Newsletter Printing \$22.73; Newsletter Postage \$39.60; January Speaker \$25.00; Membership Dues Refund \$20.00; UBC (food service and room set-up) \$40.80; Treasurer (supplies and postage) \$24.47; Corresponding Secretary Supplies \$10.58; and Bank Charges for New Checks \$71.45 for a total of \$254.63. This left a Balance on Hand of \$3,611.33. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Telephone Committee – We had no volunteers to chair the Telephone Committee. Claudia Grafton suggested doing a phone committee according to towns. Everyone will be on the phone calling list. When we communicate with members, we should identify people who do not have rides and people who have issues. Jeanine has the 6 month attendance report and several have not been attending; we could ask if Friday is a bad time for them, etc. Shirley Lindquist thought that it would be more effective if we call people that we know. Paula Sinning has noticed that some people come in and sit down and don't talk to anyone. The Telephone Committee could call new members. Rose Mary Fritz suggested members of a town could call visitors from that town. Resa Hennings suggested that each of us call someone who is not active. We have 156 members. Rose Mary said that some people listed on the applications what they would be willing to do.
2. Jeanine Lawrence had a sign-up sheet for people who want to participate in Ride Share at the last member meeting.
3. Loren asked Claudia Grafton to set up a plan of the things that we are trying to do this year.
4. Alice Braud-Jones suggested that we do a flyer of all the programs that are scheduled this year. Neil Miserendino e-mails people about the programs.
5. Claudia needs to know the words to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas State Flag. (Leo Waltz supplied the words by e-mail: "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible.") It was suggested that we put it on a handout. We could hand out programs with B.A.G.S. needs. Who will do them? Loren said that he would take care of them. Resa feels like we are just adding something else to do with making programs. Leo Waltz will do a transparency of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas State Flag.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Leona Cook and Gloria Dupuy have resigned as Co-chairmen of the Publicity Committee. Jeanine commented that they have done a wonderful job. Jeanine sees the articles in several papers. Loren read her resignation that he received by e-mail: "This will serve as the formal notice of resignation of Leona Cook and Gloria Dupuy as Publicity Chairmen for the Bay Area

Genealogical Society, effective April 1st, 2006. It has become too frustrating trying to do the job properly because the information is not being submitted to us in a timely manner in order to meet the required deadlines. After doing the job for 4 years, it is time for someone else to try their hand at it."

2. Loren would like to make the Nominating Committee a standing committee because we have needs every month.
3. Freeman Library October Display done by B.A.G.S. – Shirley Lindquist talked to the Librarian in January, and we are still on the schedule. Claudia said that we need committee members. It needs to be announced at Friday's meeting. Items displayed at the August "Show and Tell" meeting could be used for the library display. Shirley said that she will do the chairmanship again if no one else wants to do it. We could ask for committee members at Friday's meeting; Shirley said that she would like to pick her committee. We could have a sign-up sheet for the next two months and pass it around.
4. The Librarian from the Friendswood Library would like to have someone from B.A.G.S. speak to their group. They meet at 1:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. Leo and Paula went to the meeting today; six B.A.G.S. members went to the meeting today. They meet from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Today, they met from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Alice Braud-Jones said that she could speak about research at the D.A.R. Library in Washington D.C. in a couple of months.
5. Loren asked what the Board thought about e-mail voting. Alice said that Clayton Library Friends does it when they need a real quick turnaround. How serious an issue does it need to be? Resa said that we did not need to have the recent e-mail vote because B.A.G.S. had already voted on it (send our publications to the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana). Some members wanted to get an article in the Newsletter, and the Newsletter was going to press. Alice said that it helps when you are in a bind. Neil said that there is not a rule against an e-mail vote in the By-Laws. Alice went to Loren, as president, with the e-mail vote. Rose Mary wrote to the Allen County Library and asked about the procedure to get our publications in PERSI. Allen County Library wants all of our back publications including the Newsletters. Neil has the first two years of Newsletters.
6. Loren asked about the "state of B.A.G.S.". Does anyone have any concerns or issues? Rose Mary said that the Genealogical Society should deal in genealogy and local history. We should see Galveston and Harris County records published. We could transcribe records for publication. Loren said that one of our goals is to enrich the "Quarterly". We have a Cemetery Project; Alice said that Rose Mary has two cemeteries and possibly the La Porte Cemetery. Dottie Crabb said that the La Porte Genealogical Society did the La Porte Cemetery. There is an Episcopalian Cemetery at Dickinson Bayou and FM517. Rose Mary said that one cemetery could be published under the name of the lady who has worked on it. Alice said that we could do a map. Rose Mary said that the cemetery is not in rows. Alice said that one cemetery in League City has Civil War graves, but she is doing it. Rose Mary went to the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, and the director was cool to her. Alice said that it would be inappropriate for us to move in on someone else's project; Alice will check out the League City Cemetery. Dick Warren said that there is the Tri-Con Cemetery east of Bryan. Dick said that it is a nice one. The July speaker, Emogene Brummerhop has been in Seabrook for 65 years. Ms. Brummerhop knows a lot of history. Ginger Compton, a B.A.G.S. member, is steeped in Webster history according to Rose Mary. Rose Mary will write a history of Virginia Point in Texas City. Alice had some ideas of people to interview. Rose Mary said that one of her groups publishes speaker's programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Dottie Crabb, Book-Sale Chairman, has three boxes of books. It was suggested that we could sell them in August at the "Show and Tell" Program. Dottie will take both soft and hard bound

- books. She will take "NGS Quarterlies". Dottie needs volunteers in July to price the books; Resa said that she would help her.
2. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, reported on the attendance. The January Board Meeting attendance was 15. The Society Meeting had 57 in attendance; 44 members and 13 visitors. Jeanine collected \$4.50 from Website Lists; \$2.00 from the Surname Database; \$4.00 from the Everton Magazine; and 50 cents from Mary's Forms for a Total of \$11.00. Jeanine had the board and the society meeting dates confirmed through August of this year. There will be a sign-up sheet available at the meeting for the Share-a-Ride Program. Jeanine will put the Christmas Cookbooks on her table; she will provide a basket to put the \$2.00 for each cookbook in.
 3. Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar, reported that we have two new members, Marian Rouse and Connie Ogden. This brings our membership up to 157 members. Rose Mary does membership labels.
 4. Dick Warren, Vice-President in Charge of Programs, said that the schedule of programs is finished for this year and into the next year. A "Family Tree Maker" program is hard to do in one hour. He is thinking about doing a "Family Tree Maker" workshop. He can write an article entitled "Tricks and Traps for Family Tree Maker". Alice and Dick will work on a committee for a workshop. Family Tree Maker is the most popular genealogical program in our membership. The Mormon Church Program is the second most popular program and "Legacy" is third in our membership. Alice said that she needs about 9 months to put a seminar together. She is thinking about September 30 which is a fifth Saturday. There was a request to do it on a fifth Saturday because of the conflicts of other organization on the first four Saturdays. Dick went through the programs scheduled for the coming year. February 24th, Bruce Krewinghouse will speak on "Migration Trails and Using Maps. March 31st, Marje Harris will speak on "Migration and Naturalization". April 28th, Irene Walters will speak on "Searching Ancestry Plus and Heritage Quest". May 26th, Charles H. Russell will speak on a book he has written "Undaunted, A Norwegian Woman in Frontier Texas". June 30th Lesley Douthwaite will speak on "English Research". July 28th, Emogene Brummerhop will speak on "Seabrook Happenings". August will be the annual membership "Show and Tell Pot Luck".
 5. Linda Carrington, Newsletter Editor, reported that the "Newsletter" is out for the month of February. The "Newsletter" needs reporters. She will get a list from Rose Mary of people who are interested in working on the "Newsletter".
 6. Carole Varnado, Historian, reported that she received one more "Five-Generation Chart". She is also submitting an article for the "Quarterly".
 7. Susie Ganch, Quarterly Editor, needs more articles for the March "Quarterly". The cost for the December "Quarterly" was \$249.90, and she had to mail 100 "Quarterlies" for a cost of \$96.00. It is cheaper to mail a single "Quarterly" by First Class Postage than any other rate. She uses Book Rate for several mailed to the same address. Resa said that she mailed the "Quarterlies" once a year, hoping that back issues would be picked up at other meetings. Susie said that it costs \$120.00 a year for postage to mail it Book Rate.
 8. Neil Miserendino, E-mail Chairman, checked on the mail box. Clayton Library Friends has a new mailing address. The "Yearbook" is at the printers, and Neil will have it at the Friday meeting if it is finished. He left out some photos of members because the pictures had their eyes closed. Some pictures, he tried to take as many as three times.
 9. Claudia Grafton attended the League City Genealogical Society General Meeting. She has four reporters from other societies to tell of their activities: (1) Darwin Gilmore is from the Texas State Genealogical Society; (2) Betty Dunquist is from the Galveston Genealogical Society; (3) Betty Ryman is from the Texas City Genealogical Society; and (4) Melodey Hauch is from the League City Genealogical Society. Kim Zrubeck is a librarian for the Friendswood Library in Friendswood, TX. Trevia Wooster Beverly will speak at the Angelina Conference in Lufkin in July. The Galveston Genealogical Society will have a program about the 1947 Texas City Disaster on Saturday, March 19.

10. Shirley Lindquist, Corresponding Secretary, reported that Mary Pearson's mother passed away on Sunday, February 5.
11. Leo Waltz, Webmaster, reported that the website has about 900 to 1,000 hits a month. When it is posted, the "Newsletter" has the heaviest day. There are things on the website that are not in the "Newsletter" such as Dr. George K. Schweitzer will speak at the Williamson Co. Genealogical Society on Saturday, March 11 in Round Rock on Missouri Research Obscure Sources and Virginia Research Questions and Answers.
12. Alice Braud-Jones, First Vice-President, has ideas for a major speaker for the spring of 2007 in March or April before Easter. She does not want to hold it at the Bayland Park Center. The University of Houston at Clear Lake Auditorium was suggested. Dick Warren said that you have to be careful what you choose and how according to when you use this auditorium. Resa said that she would help Alice. Possibly, we could work with Clayton Library Friends, the Friendswood Library, or Texas City Genealogical Society on a seminar. Alice will send a letter to these societies or groups.
13. Lee Jared, Hospitality Chairman, reported that we had more than enough food at the last Society meeting. She was concerned that too many might not bring food at the next meetings; we will have to see what happens on Friday. It was suggested that we could have people with the names beginning from A to L bring food and then do M to Z. Neil will send an e-mail about bringing a dish if you are coming to the meeting. Alice thought that we could send notes to genealogical societies to join us. Alice said that she would write an invitation and e-mail it to Loren for him to send out.
14. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that the next two meetings are Thursday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 14. We have twelve people go to the George Memorial Library in Richmond. Most everyone had a good time and found some things doing their research. Shirley Lindquist found a very nice computer room with a lot of terminals.

Dick Warren reported that Marje Harris is back at work. He said that we can't have the third best public genealogical library and have a bad manager.

Leo Waltz had a copy of the publication "Bayousphere"; his wife, Mary Carlisle two articles in it. Mary also has a cookbook with recipes from Governor Rick Perry and Lady Bird Johnson along with her personal recipes.

Neil Miserendino said that this month's "Family Tree Magazine" has an article about how to publish family histories.

Loren adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin
Recording Secretary