

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 24, 2006

President Loren Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Thirteen members attended the meeting: Jeanine Lawrence, Loren Martin, Dick Warren, Alice Braud-Jones, Mary Martin, Paula Sinning, Neil Miserendino, Leo Waltz, Doug Wilson, Connie Ogden, Rose Mary Fritz, Susie Ganch, and Tammy Frey.

Jeanine Lawrence read from Psalms 31: 6-8, 14-15, 19-21 and led us in a prayer.

The Board Meeting Minutes from March 27 were approved as written. There was one correction to the General Meeting Minutes from March 31. Under Announcements, Item 10: Dick Warren is planning the seminar for September 2006 and not Alice Braud-Jones.

Due to the absence of Resa Hennings, Treasurer, we did not have a Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Connie Ogden has agreed to be the Chairman of the Telephone Committee. Loren went over the duties for this position, and he had a list of questions that the Board would like for the committee to ask the membership.
2. Paula Sinning volunteered to bring in people from Friendswood for the "Ride Share Program".
3. Loren passed out a list of people who have not been attending and who are current members.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On May 11, Ms. Marje Harris will retire as the Head Librarian for the Clayton Library. She made this decision because there are some things that she would like to do during her retirement, and she was not fired. There will be a "come and go" retirement party for her on Saturday, May 6 at the Clayton House. Rose Mary Fritz will be the cookie chairman for this event. There will be an announcement at the general meeting to take up a collection to help Ms. Harris buy a lap top computer. Ms. Harris was made a lifetime member of the Clayton Library Friends. Tammy Frey will bring a basket to Friday's General Meeting for the collection for Ms. Harris' computer fund.
2. Loren would like to start an Appointments Advisory Committee which will work with the membership on finding members for committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, reported that we have lost 31 members since we have changed the day of the meeting from Sunday to Friday. Rose Mary said that some have told her that they dropped their membership because of illness or moving and that it might not be a day change. We had 15 members attend the March Board Meeting and 54 attend the March Society Meeting (50 members and 4 visitors). The

Income from Sales was \$1.50 for the Website List and \$1.00 for last month's handout for a total of \$2.50.

2. Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar, reported that we have no new members since the last meeting. We could send out invitations for other libraries to join our Society. The Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana joined our group. She suggested that we could call people who did not renew and see if they would like to join next year. Some have moved; she got a note from the McCall Family who has moved to northern Texas. Garry Garrett has a new e-mail address: garrygarrett@gmail.com. This change is for Rose Mary and Neil's e-mail lists.
3. Dick Warren, Second Vice-President in Charge of Programs, reported that in April, Irene Walters, Reference Library at the Clayton Library will speak about "Searching Ancestry Plus and Heritage Quest – Search Thousands of Databases all at Once". In May, author Charles Russell will speak on "UNDAUNTED – A Norwegian Woman in Frontier Texas" which is about a woman keeping a home in Texas. In June, Lesley Douthwaite will speak about "English Research". In July, Emogene Brummerhop will speak on "Seabrook Happenings". In August, we will have the traditional "Show & Tell and Pot Luck". The month of September is open so we will have Paula Parke, FTM (Family Tree Maker) Regional Representative Workshop on Saturday, September 30. We talked about having a box lunch; Jason's Deli does a good job according to the Alice. Alice said that we could bump the price up to \$40.00 or \$42.00 and include the box lunch. Mic Barnett, her husband who writes a genealogy column may come with her. The Webster facility charges \$300.00 for using their facility if the group is non-profit. It would be about \$250.00 for the University Baptist Church "Great Room". Paul Parke is willing to negotiate her fee so we won't lose money. Dick requested a motion to proceed. Alice Braud-Jones made the motion to authorize Dick Warren to proceed further on the Family Tree Maker Workshop on September 30. We could adjust the price downward with less than 50 people. He needs help with the logistics of pulling the program together, nametags, etc. Doug Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Tammy Frey volunteered to help Dick. Dick wanted to ask how many people use Family Tree Maker at the Society meeting on Friday, April 28.
4. Susie Ganch, Quarterly Chairman, is still having trouble getting articles. She had an outline of content layout that she passed out to the Board that she will pass out at the Society Meeting. There were some revisions. Alice is concerned about having information regarding living people in the articles because the articles will go into PERSI and have world-wide access. She had a concern about identity theft. Alice was concerned about putting names and dates together. Other quarterlies have an "I Remember" section. Susie is getting articles from about 1% of the membership. Susie always checks for copyrights. We could do articles about what is available at Clayton because it has some unique collections. Rose Mary said that some societies publish text from speakers. One was done from Emily Croom. We need to get permission from the speakers before we do this. Some do not want their handouts published.
5. We need to provide articles for the newsletter from board members.
6. Neil Miserendino, E-mail Chairman and Yearbook Editor, will get Resa Hennings to hand out the "Yearbooks" at the Society Meeting. He will begin to mail them out to those who have not yet picked up their copy. They could be combined with the

“Quarterlies” that will be mailed out. Rose Mary will update the data base from e-mail information that Neil has gotten.

7. Doug Wilson, Newsletter Compositor, said that he had no report. We do not have official reporters for the newsletter. The staff needs to hear about things from us.
8. Alice Braud-Jones, First Vice-President, reported that we have no cemetery to transcribe at this point. Mt. Olivet will not answer her calls. Doug said that they can tell us to leave if we are transcribing tombstones. Alice asked if anyone has transcribed the San Jacinto tombstones. Paula thinks that she has seen it publicized. Alice thought that we could do that one in a day. The “Texas City Ancestors” did the Dickinson Cemetery during the 1970’s. San Jacinto has a research department because they looked something up for Jeanine.
9. There is nothing new on speaking at the Friendswood Library for our group. Alice cannot do it on a Monday in June. For the joint seminar in 2007, the University of Houston in Clear Lake has been contacted, and the library there has agreed to sponsor our request for a meeting room.
10. Leo Waltz, Webmaster, handed out a printout of the current main page on the Website. He also had a report on the hits on the website. On April 4 which was a Tuesday, there were 57 hits which he didn’t understand. On March 24 (63) and April 22 (60), they were high because of the newsletter.
11. Paula Sinning, Sign-in Chairman, will not be there on Friday, but she will make sure that someone will work in her place.
12. Shirley Lindquist, Chairman of the Freeman Library Display, has set up a meeting in May for her committee.
13. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that there is a trip this coming Thursday, April 27.
14. Tammy Frey, Publicity Chairman, reported that Baytown had old information and told them the new information to use. She needs to know the societies to contact; some of them have e-mail addresses and some of them don’t. Alice will send her the information about the other societies.
15. Loren passed out the “CAN DO” sign-up sheet from the previous meeting. Tammy will do the publicity, but she would like for people to check it; Jeanine called Leona if she found something wrong. Loren told Tammy that she should find a backup to help her.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin
Recording Secretary