

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 22, 2006

President Loren Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Fifteen members attended the meeting: Jeanine Lawrence, Loren Martin, Rose Mary Fritz, Alice Braud-Jones, Carole Varnado, Neil Miserendino, Mary Martin, Connie Ogden, Lee Jared, Claudia Grafton, Shirley Lindquist, Leo Waltz, Doug Wilson, Tammy Frey, and Dick Warren.

Jeanine Lawrence read from Matthew 11:25-28 and led us in a prayer.

There were two corrections to the General Meeting Minutes.

1. The date on the minutes should be April 28 instead of April 29.
2. Leo Waltz asked if a show of hands for the number of people who used Family Tree Maker was taken at the General Meeting as indicated in the Board Meeting Minutes. Dick Warren reported that there were about 30 people who indicated that they have Family Tree Maker.

The General Meeting Minutes were approved as corrected. The Board Meeting Minutes were approved as sent out by e-mail.

There was no Treasurer's Report because Resa Hennings was out of town.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Doug Wilson has assembled a set of newsletters from our supply to be sent to the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He needs a copy of the August 2003 Newsletter. Doug plans to mail them. Doug asked about pricing; it costs about 80 cents to 85 cents to mail a newsletter. Resa Hennings was going to mail the "Quarterlies" from the first three years. Lee Jared said that Allen County has received all of the 2006 Newsletters. We could charge \$1.00 minimum to mail each newsletter. We could round it off and charge \$30.00 and have everything up to date. Neil Miserendino will talk to Resa and Susie Ganch and see where we stand on mailing the "Quarterlies".
2. Loren said that it looked like we need more articles for the newsletter. Dick Warren had an article that will be in three newsletters. Hattie McKinley said that she would submit some articles.
3. Tammy talked to Kathleen Maca at the last general meeting. Kathleen volunteered to help with the Publicity Committee.
4. The "Newsletter" needs reporters to get articles.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Linda Carrington wants to be replaced as Editor of the Newsletter for next year.
2. Loren said that there is no need to elect officers unless someone plans to resign this year.
3. Loren passed out a membership list. He wants a comprehensive list of who is serving on the committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Connie Ogden contacted some members and a lot of them were at the last meeting, but she didn't know if that made a difference in the attendance. She volunteered to call those who have missed the last two meetings. Everyone was receiving their newsletters. She got one new e-mail

address. Most people do not need transportation to the meetings. The preferred meeting day was Sunday. Some didn't have a preference. Four people could not come on Sunday.

2. Dottie Crabb, Chairman of the Book Sale Committee, was not there. Loren reminded us that she needs help with pricing and more books to sell.
3. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, reported that 13 people attended the April Board Meeting. There were 70 people at the last Society Meeting (61 members and 9 visitors). (Jeanine had counted 70 people, but only 69 had signed the attendance sheet. She found the person who had not signed the attendance sheet.) From Income of Sales there was \$3.00 from the Website List; \$2.00 from the Everton Magazine; \$4.00 from the February Handout on Bruce Krewinghaus' program; 50 cents from Alice Braud-Jones Ancestor Chart which was in color; and \$2.25 from the leftover cookbooks from the Christmas Program for a Total of \$11.75 to turn into Resa. She turns in a Food Service Request to UBC each month for coffee, tea, and paper products. For the month of May, the cost was \$11.90. (This number was corrected by Jeanine by telephone from \$10.90 which was reported at the meeting.) She is not getting a response for the "Ride Share" Program.
4. Loren mentioned that we got \$13.00 put in the basket for food expenses the first time we used it at the general meeting. There was about \$60.00 in the basket the second time we put it out. Having "Pot Luck" at the general meetings seems to be working out well. Lee Jared said that the food was skimpy at the end of the last meeting, but we had extra desserts. Ten dollars was left over in the pot so maybe, we could use it for food at the next meeting. We could put it in the newsletter that it is a "pot luck" dinner. It was asked if it is in the press release that it is "pot luck". It is in the press releases, and one visitor brought food to a meeting. For this coming meeting, the Board should bring an entrée instead of a dessert, so maybe that will help.
5. Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar thought that the last meeting was good. We have five new members: Barbara Laing Larsen, Rose M. Mitchell, Susie Moncla, who is a librarian at Helen Hall Library in League City, Stephen Moncla, and Kim Zrubek who is a librarian from the Friendswood Library. Doreen Brubaker renewed her membership. We had one member who passed away, Mary Saxe in April 2006. We now have 166 members. Alice Braud-Jones will fill in for Rose Mary at the next meeting. Rose Mary is going to her granddaughter's graduation!
6. Susie Ganch, "Quarterly" Editor, could not be present because her husband, Allan Ganch had a heart attack. Leo Waltz and Neil Miserendino knew him from NASA. Alice Braud-Jones will do the "Quarterlies" at the next meeting.
7. Neil Miserendino, E-mail Chairman and "Yearbook" Editor, said that Susie Ganch was going to check her list of those who had not picked up their "Quarterlies", so we could mail the "Yearbooks" with the "Quarterlies". Neil will mail the "Yearbooks" anyway. Jeanine said that we need someone with a camera to take pictures of new people for the "Yearbook". We will use the end of the year membership lists for the "Yearbook" next year. Neil will try to have it ready with pictures of members as of October 1. He plans to keep it up to date with pictures and new members. He has the e-mail list updates with the new people except for Doreen Brubaker who renewed her membership. An article of Neil's has been reprinted in a newsletter from a genealogical society in Silsby, Hardin Co., Texas. They got his approval, and he passed the newsletter around that they sent him. Alice appreciated Neil's e-mail reminder of the last general meeting.
8. Claudia Grafton, Cookbook Chairman, said that she will try to have a meeting of her committee in June. She will give an announcement about the cookbook at the Society Meeting. Her committee members are: Lee Jared, Resa Hennings, Paula Sinning, and Mary Martin. Resa has asked for old recipes so we could do a heritage section.
9. Rosemary Fritz reported that she is transcribing records from Harris and Galveston Counties to enrich the "Quarterly". She had Lee Jared and Mary Martin helping her with this project done at the Clayton Library. They are extracting records from Harris County presently to put into the "Quarterly" when they finish a book. World War I draft registrations could be done by someone.

The registrations give physical descriptions, relatives, and other information. They are on microfilm and organized by counties. Rose Mary has been extracting records from 1837 to 1845 when Texas was still a republic. She explained how the records look.

10. Claudia Grafton reported that Ruby Dusek is trying to track down an orphanage that used to be in Bay Town, but it was relocated in Clear Lake.
11. Alice Braud-Jones, First Vice-President, reported that Mt. Olivet Cemetery is considering our offer. They will let us know in July. Alice sent the copies of the "Newsletter" and the "Quarterly" so they could see what our publications look like. We need someone to speak at a Friendswood Library monthly meeting about our Society in June or July on a Monday. They need to talk about 30 minutes. Alice is not free to do it at those times. Alice will do something in October or November for the D.A.R. The Church is asking about a \$500.00 fee for our seminar room rental.
12. Dick Warren said that Charles Russell will speak on Friday at the Society Meeting on a book "UNDAUNTED, A Norwegian Women in Frontier Texas". Dick is going to a graduation this weekend and will not be here. Loren Martin will fill in for him introducing the speaker. Lesley Douthwaite will speak on "English Research" on June 30. Ms. Douthwaite is the Assistant Manager of the Clayton Library. September 30, we will present a workshop on Family Tree Maker. Dick counted about 30 Family Tree Maker users at the last Society meeting. Alice and Leo will go with him to the Webster Community Center to determine if we want to hold the workshop there. It can seat about 300 people. Dick needs an authorization to go ahead and pay if they decide to hold the workshop there. We will need to hire an officer for 6 hours which will cost \$150.00. We will have a regular meeting on the 29th of September. The Family Tree Maker Workshop is without computers. It is easy to follow along with her. She will use the 2005-2006 Version of Family Tree Maker. Dick thought that we could pay at the door, but there will be a discount if someone signs up early. Dick will send Tammy a list of genealogical societies that we need to send publicity to about the seminars. We decided that we would not have a Society meeting in March 2007 on the Friday before the upcoming seminar. Alice made a motion to make a commitment to the Family Tree Maker Workshop so Dick Warren can make a deposit if they like the Webster Community Center for September 30, 2006. Jeanine Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed.
13. Shirley Lindquist, Corresponding Secretary, said that she sent cards to Doug Wilson and Allan Ganch.
14. Shirley Lindquist, Chairman of the Freeman Library Display Committee, said that her committee has met. They plan to have one or more themes. It will not be a potpourri like we had last year. Neil suggested that we have a small display to list the Freeman subscriptions at the corner of the display.
15. Jeanine Lawrence said that she had two calls from the newspaper ads. One of the callers was asking for someone to do research. Alice asked for her to refer him to her.
16. Carole Varnado, Historian and Five-Generation Charts, stated that we have a supply of submitted charts.
17. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that the next trip is not until August. She is trying to get a trip scheduled in either June or July.
18. Tammy Frey, Publicity Chairman, reported that she only knows how to publicize the general meetings. She asked that members talk to her about other publications because she doesn't know how to do them. The publications don't use many pictures. Tammy will try to do the other articles, but she doesn't know if they will be published. Rose Mary talked about other groups that have pictures of new officers, etc. in the Applause Section of one publication. Tammy asked how should we advertise the August "Show & Tell" meeting.
19. Leo Waltz, Webmaster, said that we need to say where we are on the websites because there is another Bay Area Genealogical Society in Green Bay, Wisconsin and other with Bay Area in the name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Loren Martin read a thank you note from Ms. Marje Harris about her gift from our Society. Dick said that 69 people donated over \$1,800.00 to the Clayton Library Friends to buy her a computer. They held a reception for her at the Clayton House on Saturday, May 6.
2. Loren asked for volunteers to help with the announcements in their area at Friday's meeting. Rose Mary and Dick will not be there, so they couldn't make an announcement. Tammy said that people might write an article for the "Newsletter" or the "Quarterly" if they had a topic. Doug said that they could write about their research trips such as the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. People could share surprising finds about relatives. Doug said that he will share on Friday night. Shirley will make an announcement when they decide on a theme for the display. Claudia said that she will ask for recipes.
3. Resa Hennings and Leona Cook will help Loren get committee members and chairmen for the committees. Shirley said that she did not gather information about people that they talked to when the Nominating Committee met last time.
4. We will make an announcement that we will be taking pictures from now on. Tammy will bring her camera to the Society meeting if she does not have a prior commitment. Doug will also bring a camera.
5. Alice asked Doug to put the March 2007 Seminar on the calendar every month. Doug asked her to send a monthly reminder by e-mail with the details about it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin
Recording Secretary