

## **Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes - Corrected Monday, August 21, 2006**

President Loren Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following thirteen people were in attendance: Loren Martin, Mary Martin, Rose Mary Fritz, Neil Miserendino, Jeanine Lawrence, Connie Ogden, Claudia Grafton, Shirley Lindquist, Susie Ganch, Dick Warren, Carole Varnado, Doug Wilson, and Resa Hennings

Jeanine Lawrence read from Isaiah 49:13 and led us in a prayer.

The Board Meeting Minutes were accepted as e-mailed. There was a correction on the Friday, May 26 General Meeting Minutes. Under Announcements #10, it should read [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org) and not or.

Resa Hennings gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance Brought Forward for August 21, 2006 was \$2,553.33. The Income for the month was from Membership Dues \$380.00, Donations \$47.00, Sale of Publications \$11.00, and Fund Raiser Income \$1,365.00 for a total of \$1,803.00. The Expenses for the month were from Newsletter Printing \$25.20, University Baptist Church (food service and room set up) \$40.05, and "Quarterly" printing \$220.50 for a total of \$285.75. This left a Balance on Hand of \$4,070.58. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Resa reported that 40 people have signed up for the Family Tree Maker Seminar in September. We need 48 people to break even financially. When renewing their membership, there are a lot of people giving donations; these people who have given extra could be listed in the newsletter or in the December "Quarterly". Rose Mary and Resa could supply a list of donors by levels, such as Patron, etc. We are a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. They provide advice for new societies. They are requesting a donation that starts at \$1,000.00 to help new societies. Alice had previously volunteered to be our delegate to FGS January 14, 2007 in Salt Lake City. Someone had a booklet put out by "Rock of Ages" tombstones in Vermont. It has genealogical "how to" information in it. It was thought that BAGS might have a similar booklet for our members.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Linda Carrington will be the Newsletter Editor for September. Resa Hennings told of some people that she had contacted for the position: Mary Pearson, Barbara Stanley, Judy Henderson, and Kathleen Maca. All of these people declined the position of Newsletter Editor. Linda gave Resa a job description for the editor position. Claudia Grafton thought that we could get a team to do the editor position. Claudia said that the editor oversees and collects the information for the newsletter. She suggested that someone could grab a friend and do it. Co-editors could take every other month. Resa has several more names of people to ask.
2. Susie Ganch, brought a sample of the bag that we are thinking about having made for our Society. The sample bag was blue and black. There is a one time \$29.00 set up fee. The top of the bag has a zipper in it. The color combinations are light blue and black, blue

and black, red and black, and black and black. Last month, Alice Braud-Jones had mentioned a magnetic name tag, but they are expensive. T-shirts were mentioned. The bags have to be ordered in lots of 50. The cost is \$5.15 each if we order 150. The cost is \$5.74 each if we purchase 50 bags. It was thought that we could have B.A.G.S. and a logo printed. Doug Wilson has retouched the ship that Susie uses on the "Quarterly" so that it is not the "Elyssa" that is in Galveston. It is a four mast schooner. These costs are for screen printed bags. Embroidered logos on the bags cost more, but the embroidery lasts longer. We will decide the color of the bag and what we want on it at next month's meeting.

3. Dick Warren, Second Vice-President, in charge of Programs, reported that we have 40 people registered for the September Seminar on the Family Tree Maker Program. He has had many inquiries. Some people have asked about motels. He thinks that we are coming along well and that we will probably have 100 people.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Loren stated that the proposed bag publicizes our group, and we need to publicize our group. The Family Tree Maker Seminar has publicized our group. Doug Wilson thought that schools might be open to teaching some genealogy. If we could get the kids involved, the parents will get involved with them. Rose Mary said that a new member we have is from Huffman, TX. Claudia suggested going into libraries to promote ourselves. It was also said that the University of Houston in Clear Lake is interested in us. Resa suggested that radio spots are helpful. We need to get more people involved to be able to do more.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Shirley Lindquist, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she sent cards to three people. Polly Wilson had cataract surgery. Marilyn Hughes also had cataract surgery. She sent one to Emogene Brummerhop who did the program on "Seabrook Happenings". Ms. Brummerhop made a donation to us. Connie Ogden will let Shirley know if she hears anything from the Telephone Committee.
2. Shirley Lindquist, Chairman of the Freeman Library Committee, reported that the display is ready to go. It will be a military theme. Pictures need to be in frames. She will be collecting things at the September Society Meeting. The committee will have a meeting September 15 at the Freeman Library.
3. Resa reported that Dottie Crabb has received a lot of books for the Book Sale. Resa, Dottie Crabb, and Leona Cook were working on the book sale. Many of books are about Louisiana. They have quarterlies from Kansas. Kim Zrubek from the Friendswood Library has agreed to take our leftover books. It was suggested that we come at 5:30 to the "Show and Tell" meeting so that we could look at the books before the meeting. Neil Miserendino will put the information in an e-mail to the membership.
4. Connie Ogden, Telephone Committee Chairman, said they called 66 people and 15 visitors last month. They told them to bring a friend to the August "Show and Tell" meeting, Book Sale, and bring a "pot luck" dish. They told them that the Family Tree Maker Seminar is coming up in September.

5. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, reported that we had 18 members at the July Board Meeting. There were 66 people at the July Society Meeting (51 members and 15 visitors). The Sales Income for July 28, 2006 was the sale of the last cookbook for \$2.00 and Alice's last Ancestor Chart for 25 cents for a Total of \$2.25. She ordered the tea, coffee, and special paper products for our "Show and Tell" "Potluck Supper" at a cost of \$17.90. She arranged the set up for the Chapel on the first floor. She asked for 35 tables for all the different activities taking place on Friday night. We pay \$45.00 for all of this service and our members don't have to do any work. We appreciate the Church doing all of this for us. She asked Neil to send an e-mail reminding people that we are meeting in the Chapel on the first floor and to park near the church entrance closest to Middlebrook and to bring a covered dish with the recipe, and some genealogy item to share with the group. We had one new member join at the July meeting. She had nothing to report on the "Ride and Share" Program.
6. Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar, reported that Sharon Aldeman from Hoffman, TX donated \$70.00 when she joined. She had a summary report for the year end in August. Membership in August 2005 was 184 members. We had two deaths, 11 member resignations, 19 members dropped for non-payment of dues, and 18 new members. The August 2006 Membership was 170. The net change in membership was a loss of 14 members. This is partially due to the change in meeting time from Sunday afternoon to Friday night. We have 82 Single Memberships, 36 Family Memberships, and 1 Library Membership. So far, we have had 25 membership renewals. She suggested sending e-mails to members who have been dropped, and maybe, they will rejoin. Those who join in July and August will get credit for next year. She will do a program with the League City Genealogical Society in September on Louisiana Research. League City has a small group with no dues. It was suggested that they tell Doug about their programs or Neil could do it by e-mail.
7. Dick Warren, Second Vice-President, in Charge of Programs, reported that we will have the "Show and Tell" "Pot-Luck Supper" Meeting on Friday, August 25. Judy Hoggatt will be there on Friday with examples of her service to publish family histories. On September 29, Susan Kaufman will do a program on "How to Keep Records Preserved". Irene Walters will do a program on "World Cat" in October. Emily Crook will do a program on "Lost in 1890" in November. Gay Carter will do a program on "Cite Your Sources" in January. Emily Croom would like to have an honorarium of \$50.00 instead of the customary \$25.00. The librarians donate their money to the Clayton Library. Dick felt that we could pay more occasionally. Claudia said that we get some extra money from the Christmas Program. Emily Croom does the Barnes and Noble "Unpuzzling Your Past" on-line for free. We have ten programs a year for \$25.00 for a total of \$250.00. At Christmas, we could spend \$200.00. Dick asked if this is telling the Program Chairman that he could spend extra on someone. James Hodges asks \$150.00 to do a program on "General Sam Houston" and one on "George Washington", and Revolutionary War characters. The Revolutionary War characters are Paul Revere and Nathan Hale. Dick will have the programs set by the next meeting for next year. Eric Sandifer did a program on the "Civil War" a couple of years ago. Claudia does not want him to do the Christmas Program.
8. Doug Wilson, Newsletter Compositor, reported that the newsletter staff has no ideas for an editor. Doug said that he could work with anyone.

9. Susie Ganch, Quarterly Editor, reported that Doug has sent her two articles by Claire Bettag. She was going to use one for the September Quarterly and one for the December Quarterly. She needs some more articles. Bobbie Morrison moved to Dallas. Bay Area Printing could print 150 quarterlies for \$230.00. Claudia has an idea to get someone to get a price from Hope Village, a complex of challenged people. Loren said that if it costs \$40.00 more a year to make it more convenient that it would be all right. Bay Area Printing does it electronically.
10. Claudia showed us a copy of the "Ellis Island Cookbook" that belongs to Shirley Lindquist as a sample of the way that we could do a cookbook. It had stories on the origins of the recipes. Loren asked her if she had a time frame for when the cookbook could be finished; she said possibly in June. A lot of old members were irritated that the old recipes were lost.
11. Carole Varnado, Historian, had nothing to report.
12. Neil Miserendino, "Yearbook" Editor and E-mail Chairman, thinks that the last pictures that he took might not be usable, but he has gotten some new ones. He had a call from the Pearland Senior Center asking us to provide for a program lasting half an hour on genealogy and then they play bingo. Neil said that he would do it and take Five Generation Charts, etc. with him. An electricity provider has a donation program if our members want to sign up and they will give us a \$5.00 a month rebate for each person who signs up from B.A.G.S.
13. Loren reported that Alice Braud-Jones has a couple of scheduled speeches at Friendswood Library. **(Alice has one scheduled talk at the Friendswood Library on October 16.)**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin  
Recording Secretary