

## Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes

### Monday, May 21, 2007

President Loren Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ten members attended the meeting: Susie Ganch, Rose Mary Fritz, Carole Varnado, Connie Ogden, Doug Wilson, Neil Miserendino, Mary Martin, Loren Martin, Jeanine Lawrence, and Resa Hennings.

Jeanine Lawrence read from "The Message" (another version of the Holy Bible) by Eugene Peterson. Jeanine read 1 John 4:16-21 and led us in a prayer.

The April 23 minutes were accepted with additions and corrections as sent out by e-mail. Mary Martin reported the following changes to the minutes.

1. Under Old Business #2 on Page 2, Shirley Lindquist requested that the word *nominee* be placed in front of each nominee's name.
2. Under #1 Committee Reports, Alice Braud-Jones requested that the wording of a sentence be changed to: *Alice Braud-Jones notes that the various Catholic churches might be interested in including a book of Mt. Olivet Cemetery transcriptions in their book stores. Another option would be to regularly include portions of the transcriptions as an ongoing section in the "Quarterly". The cemetery transcription groups were working very quickly through their assigned rows in Section B North, St. Bonaventure and St. Dominick.*
3. Under #2 on Page 3 Committee Reports, *Melodey Hauch – Training* was added to the list of volunteers and their duties in the Cemetery Transcription Project.

Resa Hennings, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance Brought Forward on April 30, 2007 was \$9,405.98. The Income was from Member Dues \$60.00; Donations \$65.00; Sale of Tote Bags \$60.00, and Sale of Publications \$59.15 for a Total Income of \$244.65. The Expenses were from UBC Room Set-up & Food Service \$43.10; Speaker Expense \$150.00; Mt. Olivet Cemetery Expense \$97.73; and Bettag Seminar Expenses \$1,146.00 for a Total Expense of \$1,436.43. This left a Balance on Hand of \$8,214.20. The share of the Claire Mire Bettag Seminar for the Clayton Library Friends will show up on the May Treasurer's Report. Loren asked what the expenses were for on the Cemetery Transcription Project. Resa said that it was mostly from notebooks made for each team. The other expenses were from name tags and printing by Alice Braud-Jones. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as reported.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resa said that she paid the Clayton Library Friends \$893.93. The amount that was earned for "BAGS" was \$912.92. The "BAGS" portion was higher because their gift amount was higher and from the sale of soft drinks and water left over from the Family Tree Maker Seminar.
2. Alice Braud-Jones was unable to be at the meeting so she sent the following reports. "With respect to the seminar for 2008-2009, I have two thoughts and would like to discuss them at the next board meeting. One is a national seminar the other is more geared towards research and would cost less".

3. Alice's second report was for the Cemetery Committee. "For the Cemetery Committee, please start showing me for the report for now. Neil will begin reporting as we get into the data input segment. There are several new graves in the cemetery in the past three weeks (at least 6). One is in B North in the very last row before the beginning of Bonaventure. There appear to be at least 3 in Bonaventure Perpendicular as well as one in our first group which I have already picked up and one in Claudia and Resa's group which I think they have already done. Dianna and I have completed two and a half of our groups and checked the first group. We should be finished with transcribing the third group by the next board meeting. Other groups are moving along quite nicely and are right now ahead of schedule. Keep up the good work! *Alice*" – Loren raised the question "Do we want a seminar in 2008 or 2009?" We need Alice to discuss it because of the availability of speakers. Rose Mary Fritz said that Alice was considering Christina Rose who is a recognized genealogist from Samford University. Rose Mary remarked that many people joined BAGS after the March seminar with Claire Mire Bettag. Rose Mary went on to say that we need to provide good programming. Elizabeth Shown Mills is another speaker who Alice has been considering. **ACTION:** We will table a discussion until the June Board Meeting.

There was no NEW BUSINESS.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar, reported that there have been no changes recently in the membership. We have 178 members including 3 new members: Jane Campo from Houston; Marlene Endicott Ladner from Seabrook; and Bill Robinett from Houston. Jean Vohtz announced that she will be moving to Dallas before the next meeting.
2. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, reported that the April attendance at the Board Meeting was 15. There were 85 people at the April Society Meeting (72 members and 13 visitors). Meetings with a higher attendance in the past were: 105, 89, 88, 86, and 85. We have had 13 meetings with 80 attending or more. The April Income Report of Sales was: State Booklets (donation) \$3.50 and "*Genealogical Helper Magazine*" \$2.00 for a Total Income of \$5.50. The Expenses for the May Society Meeting will be: Room Set-up Fee \$30.00 and Food Service \$16.00 for a Total of \$46.00. We need to make our payment 5 days before the meeting. Jeanine reported that the April meeting wiped out our supplies. The meeting that had 105 attending was from Carolyn Hellen's Party.
3. Doug Wilson, Newsletter Compositor, reported that Linda Carrington has withdrawn as a part-time Compositor. We need to find someone because Kim Zrubek, Newsletter Editor, probably doesn't want to do it all of the time.
4. Doug Wilson reported that the Family Search Index is being offered to other organizations. Doug feels that it will be a global source of information. He encourages people to participate. Several people are working on it. Resa Hennings has been working on it, and she enjoys it very much. There are a lot of groups working on it at the present time.
5. Resa Hennings reported on the "BAGS" Cookbook because Claudia Grafton couldn't be at the meeting. Resa is collecting recipes. She has not gotten the old recipes from

Carolyn Hellen yet. The committee hasn't talked about the cookbook much lately. Resa has a box of sample cookbooks. It will be hard to tie it in with our ancestors. There is no target date yet.

6. Connie Ogden, Telephone Committee Chairman, reported that they made no calls last month. Twenty-one people have not been at a meeting for 9 months. She is re-examining the advisability of calling. We talked about calling them if they have missed a meeting for three months. **ACTION:** Call them if they have missed three months. Some people do not want to be called. **ACTION:** ask them if they want reminder calls. Some have said that Friday night is not a good time for them; many of them have "family night".
7. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that the next trip to the Clayton Library is Wednesday, May 30. The other two trips scheduled are: Monday, July 9 and Wednesday, August 22.
8. Carolé Varnado, Historian, reported that she has submitted an article to Susie Ganch for the "Quarterly" on the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Project. Additionally, she will be resigning as Historian, but she can continue to do the Five Generation Charts if this is agreeable.
9. Susie Ganch reported that she has 7 "BAGS" Tote Bags left; she can get additional bags in about a week.
10. Susie Ganch, "Quarterly" Editor, reported that she is working with Mr. Ostemayer to obtain the diary from his great-great grandfather where he came to Texas from Germany. The diary documents his travel through Texas. It should be an interesting piece to have in the "Quarterly". Mr. Ostemayer arrived at the Port of Galveston. She needs a copyright release before this can be put in the "Quarterly". Susie has only two lengthy articles and the Historian article which is one page for the "June Quarterly". She will probably get a second installment from Melody Hauch. She does not have enough information. She has not started the "June Quarterly" yet because her daughter is getting married on June 9. She will not be able to be at the general meeting. She had the "Quarterlies" with her; Neil Miserendino will pass them out at the meeting. Lynda Cox sent out the back "Quarterlies"; Linda is the person in charge of sending them out. We need a storage facility to store the "Quarterlies" that she and Resa have stored in their homes. Jeanine suggested selling four "Quarterlies" bundled together. Susie has been e-mailed from someone to get a copy of a particular "Quarterly". Resa had three years of extra "Quarterlies" stored in her home. **ACTION:** Resa will look at the other societies that she belongs to and see what they charge for old quarterlies. **ACTION:** We need to talk about prices to charge and a storage facility at the next meeting.
11. Neil Miserendino, "Yearbook" Chairman, reported that some of the "Yearbooks" were distributed by Lynda Cox with the "Quarterlies". The rest were mailed by Neil. Any new members will get a "Yearbook" with their new member packet. If Rose Mary Fritz needs more "Yearbooks" to add to new member packets, she can contact Neil.
12. Neil Miserendino, E-mail chairman, reported that he updated one member's e-mail address; there was not much to report.
13. Neil Miserendino, reported on the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Project. Loren reported that there was a new grave in the St. Catherine Perpendicular section. B North has a new grave. B North is ready to verify. We discussed that it may save a step if we verify after the paper transcriptions are entered into a database or other electronic form. We feel that working on the project in sections is probably the best path. We discussed adding the information

to the "Quarterly". **ACTION:** We will try to get B North Section ready for the June Quarterly, but it may take more time. Neil is using an Excel Spreadsheet. Doug suggested that we use a data base program. Neil would like to limit the data entered on the spreadsheet to what is genealogically important except for "Masonic" or other markers that are with the graves. Susie asked if we would do a book later, would we want other information. We want simple information for the "Quarterly". Polly Wilson looked at an Iowa State Cemetery Transcription; there is a link to this in the last "Newsletter". Resa has not started verification yet. Doug said that if someone sees something on the internet that they could pay us for a grave description or a picture. Susie does not index lists in the back of the "Quarterly" if it is already indexed in the text such as marriage records.

14. Dick Warren, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President in charge of Programs, reported to Mary Martin by e-mail and telephone that the speaker for May at the Friday night meeting will be Susan Kaufman who is speaking on "The Family, the Pets and the Genealogy: Natural Disaster Preparedness". Our own Alice Braud-Jones will be speaking on "My Heroes! The Code Talker and the Commandant" at the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ginny Tony will be speaking on "West Virginia History and Research" in July.
15. Dick Warren's previous report on purchasing a projector and other equipment will be again discussed at the June Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin  
Recording Secretary

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# BAGS VISITORS SIGN IN

DATE May 25, 2007

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