

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes – Additions & Corrections

Monday, August 27, 2007

President Loren Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Eleven people attended the meeting: Alice Braud-Jones, Mary Martin, Resa Hennings, Connie Ogden, Leo Waltz, Doug Wilson, Leslee Fehlman, Lee Jared, Shirley Lindquist, Loren Martin, and Louis Jarman who joined BAGS at the July meeting.

The Board Meeting Minutes from Monday, July 23, 2007 were accepted as revised.

Resa Hennings gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance Brought Forward for July 31, 2007 was \$6,128.10. The Income was from Member Dues \$620.00, Donations \$95.00, and Sale of Lists, etc. \$1.45 for Total Income of \$716.45. The Expenses were from Speaker Honorarium \$50.00, UBC Room Set-up & Food Service \$41.75, Corresponding Secretary Expense \$26.86, and Member Services Expense \$32.85 for a Total Expense of \$151.46. This left a Balance on Hand of \$6,693.09. Resa reported that Joanne Truman who was a Charter Member passed away August 1, 2007. Resa filled out the orange sheet and sent it to the Texas Genealogical Society as requested by Darwin Gilmore. Resa reported that many 2008 budgets have been submitted. She needs budgets for the "Newsletter", the "Quarterly", and the 2nd Vice-President in Charge of Programs.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. It was reported that there was not enough food at the July 27 meeting. Alice suggested that we buy meat for the "Show and Tell" meeting. **ACTION:** Lee Jared said that she would order and pick up the meat. It was suggested that we take the money from the donations at the general meeting to buy the meat. Set-up costs are around \$43.00 at each meeting. We would need 10 to 12 pounds of meat which would cost less than \$100.00. Alice purchased a spiral ham last year, brisket, and sausage or another meat. Alice Braud-Jones made a motion to provide meat on Friday night for the "Show and Tell" Dinner. Leslee Fehlman seconded the motion. One was opposed to the motion and nine were in favor; the motion passed. **ACTION:** Neil Miserendino needs to send out a memo by e-mail that the meat will be provided. Leo Waltz volunteered to send out the memo because Neil was absent.
2. Shirley Lindquist asked that we think about revising the job description of the Recording Secretary. The people that she has asked to take this position do not want to have to be at both meetings. The By-Laws would have to be changed which would require voting by the membership. The Recording Secretary is responsible to see that the minutes are taken at both meetings.
3. At the general meeting on Friday, Loren needs to call for nominations from the floor. Alice asked for nominations from the floor at the July 27 meeting.
4. Alice Braud-Jones reported that the University Baptist Church Chapel on the first floor has been reserved for the "Christine Rose Seminar" scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 2008. We are awaiting the final confirmation for this date. Alice put down a \$200.00 deposit today with the University Baptist Church. Alice will meet with Christine Rose to work out the program. We were unable to schedule a program in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Leslee Fehlman, the new Hospitality Chairman, has noticed that some people are bringing food every time. She thought that we could go down the roster and ask people if they are coming to

bring food. The roster could be divided by 10 and each group be assigned a month to bring food. The donations are used to defray the costs of drinks, paper supplies, and the set-up and take-down. Leslee thinks that we should leave the business meeting part of the program until after we eat because of the difficulty keeping the food warm. We could do the pledges and Jeanine's opening and then we could have the dinner. Connie Ogden suggested that we could have the visitors get in line first, and they could be introduced later.

2. Lee Jared suggested that our organization could have a summer vacation in July and August. Many other organizations have a summer break. Connie Ogden made a motion to present this suggestion to the members at the next meeting. Resa Hennings seconded the motion. The By-Laws state that we meet from September to August every year. Loren said that we need to have the By Law changes in writing. Leo Waltz said that we could specify a certain number of meeting a year but not which months we would have the meetings. Resa suggested that we put this in the "Newsletter". Connie said that we have a problem because July and August are sunny months, and we would not be driving in the dark like we do in the winter months. Leo said that he did not see a pattern of attendance; sometimes July is better than May. Members choose to come at certain times, and officers have to be here at all times. Doug Wilson moved that we table the motion. Resa Hennings seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Alice Braud-Jones, Cemetery Project Chairman, reported that the Mt. Olivet Cemetery has been too hot and too wet to work on the cemetery transcriptions. We need to verify from the typed copy and not the hand written copy. Doug said that for quality control, we need to work from Neil's transcriptions unless we are willing to do two evaluations. They typed copy needs to be correct to the tombstone. Resa turned over the hand written copies that she had to Neil Miserendino.
2. Connie Ogden, Telephone Committee Chairman, reported that 32 calls were made in July. There were no problems, and everyone was thankful to be called.
3. Shirley Lindquist, Corresponding Secretary, reported that a Get Well Card was sent to Glenda Warren. A suggestion was made that the Corresponding Secretary have a hand written Thank You Note ready to give to the Treasurer, who pays each speaker and the note and the check will be given to the speaker at the end of the general meeting. This will save on postage costs.
ACTION: The new committee will review this suggestion.
4. Shirley Lindquist, Membership Services Chairman, reported that a meeting is scheduled for September 11 to review the Basic Level Beginning Workshop Curriculum. This will give them a month to work on the curriculum before the October 13 class. The October 13 class was in the newsletter, and it will be announced at the general meeting. Registration will be at the August meeting for this class.
5. Shirley Lindquist, Library Display Chairman, reported that exhibit items will be collected from members for the September Display at the Freeman Library and the October Display at the Friendswood Library at the August meeting. The theme is "Our Women Ancestors". The display will be set up next week at the Freeman Library, and it will be taken down to set up at the Friendswood Library. The items will be returned on October 26 at the Friendswood Library when their display is finished being shown there.
6. Shirley Lindquist, Nominations Committee Chairman, reported that nominees for all board positions except the Recording Secretary have been announced in the "Newsletter". Several board members have been contacted to ask them to help recruit a member to be the Recording Secretary.
7. Susie Ganch, Quarterly Chairman, reported by e-mail because she was unable to attend the meeting. She will be at the Friday "Show and Tell" meeting. As always the "Quarterly" needs articles. She received two short articles from members that she can use. There was an article in

the Chronicle about the Allen Brothers and Houston in the early years. She has written the "Chronicle" for permission to re-print it in our "Quarterly". If she doesn't get anything else before next month, she will fill the remainder of the "Quarterly" with the German diary. She reported to Carole Varnado that she would like to use Alice Braud-Jones' Five-Generation Chart in this issue; it has been in the "Newsletter" but never in the "Quarterly".

8. Susie reported that there are three "BAGS" Tote Bags left. She thinks that we should order more, especially since sometimes, we give them to our speakers. However, no one has bought one in a couple of months. Maybe, some members would like to buy one or two for Christmas gifts. We have to purchase 50 bags. Resa thought that we should always have some of them on hand because they make nice speaker gifts. Resa Hennings moved that we purchase 50 more bags. Leo Waltz seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.
9. Doug Wilson, Newsletter Compositor, requested that the incoming officers be photographed at Friday's meeting. Kim Zrubek composed the last "Newsletter"; she is the default compositor. Kim needs a compositor that she can count on. Tammy Frey was not listed in the list of new officers in the last "Newsletter" by an oversight. Doug will continue as the photographer for the "Newsletter."
10. Leo Waltz, Webmaster, looked at the Table of Contents for the "Quarterly", and reported that Joanne Clinton Truman wrote an article entitled "From New York to Texas – Descendants of Alexander Thompson" in the "September 2002 Quarterly". Resa reported that she passed away August 1. We need to remind the members that they need to pay their dues. **ACTION:** Leo Waltz will send an e-mail to remind members to pay their dues and about the August meeting.
11. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that 16 people signed up for the trip to the Clayton Library on Wednesday, August 22; eleven of them were able to go on the trip. We collected \$18.00 that was sent to the East Harris County Senior Citizens for the bus program. We will choose two new trips on Tuesday, September 4, and two more will be chosen on Monday, September 10. These will be the trips for the next 6 months.
12. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, gave her report to Mary Martin by telephone. There were 13 members at the Board Meeting on Monday, July 23, 2007. There were 71 people at the Society Meeting on Friday, July 27, 2007 (52 members and 19 visitors). The University Baptist Church will not be able to let us hold the "Christine Rose Seminar" on April 12, 2008. We will have the Chapel on the first floor reserved tentatively on May 3, 2008. Our "Show and Tell – Pot Luck Supper" meeting will be held in the Chapel on Friday, August 31, 2007.
13. Alice Braud-Jones reported that to her knowledge no speaker is scheduled for September.
14. Doug Wilson reported that he has four years of newsletters on a CD for a Historian or a Librarian.
15. Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar, reported by e-mail that we have five new members bringing the membership to 185. The new members are: Elaine & Larry Brammer, Pasadena; Lewis W. Jarman, League City; Martha Rolingson, Alvin; and Bob Rolingson, Alvin (Martha and Bob are brother and sister).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin
Recording Secretary