

**Bay Area Genealogical Society
University Baptist Church
February 25, 2008
Board Meeting Minutes**

Place/Time: Middlebrook Baptist Church, 6:00 p.m.

DATE: February 25, 2008

Present: President Resa Hennings and Recording Secretary Renee Ball were present. A quorum was achieved with seventeen members in attendance: Jeanine Lawrence, Mary Martin, Paula Sinning, Lee Jared, Doug Wilson, Shirley Lindquist, Claudia Grafton, Connie Ogden, Loren Martin, Neil Miserendino, Ed Harris, Tammy Frey, Ron Cox, Alice Braud-Jones, and Susie Ganch

Opening Prayer: Jeanine Lawrence read: I Samuel 13:11-14; 15: 22-23

Agenda

- Minutes of January 21, 2008 approved as corrected.
- Treasurer Report.
- Reports of Officers.
- Unfinished Business.
- New Business.
- Reports of Committee Chairmen.

Minutes of January 21, 2008 – Minutes of the January 21, 2008 meeting were reviewed by email and approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Harris said that between December 31, 2007 and January 31, 2008, we would notice a large deduction in our Total Cash and Bank Accounts column of the Statement of Net Assets Report, due to purchasing two CD's, one for \$2,500.00 @ 3.40% interest (maturity date 4-27-08) and the other for \$2,500.00 @ 4.10% (maturity date 7-28-08). Ed Harris reported that we are under budget with a figure of 93.82.

Statement of Net Assets:

Assets

• Total Cash and Bank Accounts	2208.66
• Total Other Assets	<u>5523.50</u>
• Total Assets	7732.16

Liabilities & Equity

• Total Liabilities	166.00
• Equity	<u>7566.16</u>
• Total Liabilities & Equity	7732.16

Treasurer's Report was approved by the Board.

Officers Reports:

➤ **Christine Rose Seminar** – Alice Braud-Jones

Alice Braud-Jones informed us that there is a conflict with the Houston Genealogical Forums seminar and the Christine Rose Seminar. They are both scheduled on the same day, but because HGF will be on the west side of town, she didn't think it would affect our turnout. She encouraged everyone to register for the Christine Rose Seminar. As of Monday, February 25,

there were only seven people signed up for the seminar, which will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008. She encouraged everyone to sign up.

Alice asked for help in putting posters around town and it was suggested we advertise in *The Citizen*, and local and surrounding newsletters, newspapers, libraries, etc. She asked if someone could coordinate door prize donations. Resa Hennings asked everyone to check their community newspapers for BAGS announcements and let her know if they do not see any advertisement. Resa also suggested a saturation campaign.

Alice Braud-Jones asked if we should extend the time limit for registration to March 31, 2008, and after that registration would be at the higher rate for members. An email was suggested be sent out to all members that the early registration is to be extended until March 31, 2008 and after that the higher rate would apply. If there are not enough people attending, it was mentioned changing the location to a smaller room at the church. Alice will pick up Christine Rose at the Hobby Airport.

Alice said she will have to leave the seminar during the lunch hour and will need someone to cover for her during that time. She will be back after lunch.

Program Calendar - Claudia Grafton

- ❖ February 29, 2008 – "Lafitte...A Lifelong Obsession" by Jim Nonus
- ❖ March 28, 2008 – "What You Don't Know About The Census" by Trevia Wooster Beverly
- ❖ April 25, 2008 –Member Workshop - "Break Down Those Brick Walls"
- ❖ May 30, 2008 – "Sabine & Trinity River Shipwrecks from Civil War" by Bruce Lockett
- ❖ June 27, 2008 – "What's New at Rosenberg Library" by Casey Greene
- ❖ July 25, 2008 – "Scrapbooking Your Family History" by Carey Hall
- ❖ August 29, 2008 – "Show and Tell" member participation

Claudia Grafton reported that Joel Powers from the Rotary Club, would like to have speakers from BAGS to address his group. He has available dates of: March 13, 20 & 27 and April 17 & 24. They would like to have a speaker for 30 minutes on each date to speak on basic genealogy. Claudia thought it would be a great way of spreading the news of BAGS. It was thought that we should put this on the next agenda as new business.

Susie Ganch also brought up that we should form a new committee to handle Education, since BAGS' mission is educating and getting new members.

Registrar – Tammy Frey

Tammy Frey reported that we have a total membership of 175.

Unfinished Business

Mt. Olivet Cemetery Transcription Project – Alice Braud-Jones

Members continue to complete transcribing their sections. Alice will be sending out a request for data status to determine completion date. Alice says we are in good shape. Alice mentioned that the Board made a decision without consulting her, in regards to the death dates not being included in the data. Alice said when data is recorded on the stone it becomes public information and has significant genealogical value, and therefore asked the Board to reconsider its decision.

Members Service Writing Class - Shirley Lindquist

Shirley reported that Susie Ganch and Doug Wilson were the instructors for the Writing Class. Shirley also said it was well attended and the attendees were excited about the class. They had twelve members and one non-member attending. Shirley Lindquist said they expended \$135.00 minus \$91.00, which included \$30.00, for copying of slides. It was an excellent workshop and they made \$44.00. Shirley Lindquist said they have copyrighted the CD for BAGS and it was suggested they could use it to make money as a fund raiser.

Cookbook — Paula Sinning

Paula explained to the Board that everything is extra with the company we will use for the Cookbook. Paula has given out the code so everyone can start entering recipes online. Resa passed around a sample of a cookbook for everyone to see the quality of the cookbook. The cookbook would be padded, 3-ring binder with BAGS on it. Paula says if we want to save \$1.15 on each book we have to go with the one special which is offered between November 14th and January 15th, we would have to wait until next November in order to get the \$1.15 off. We would order 200 books, which is the minimum, at \$6.30 a book for a total of \$1260.00, with 90 days to pay. If sold at \$11.00 a book, then profit-margin is \$4.70-\$6.50 per book. After much discussion, it was decided to wait until the next meeting when we can see the padded recipe book until we make a decision.

Yearbook — Resa Hennings

The Yearbook is ready to be picked up from the printer for distribution at the meeting on Friday, February 29, 2008. Resa Hennings suggested a new time-frame be developed to distribute the Yearbook in November of each new membership year so that it would be of more value to the members.

Webmaster Job

Much discussion was made about finding a new webmaster for BAGS. Linda Carrington is willing to take over being the Webmaster if she could get some training. Alice Braud-Jones moved that BAGS Board approve that we pay for the web site training for the new Webmaster, Connie Ogden seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Quarterly Editor

Melodey Hauch is interested in that position. She has not committed yet, but seems interested in the position.

New Business

Scholarship Committee — Loren Martin, Chairman

Scholarship Committee asking for guidelines as to how to move forward with this project. Things discussed were: a target date, student or adult to give to, geographic area, dollar amount, frequency of award, requirements to be met, etc. It was decided that more time would be needed on this and that it would not be reasonable to expect this to be done this fiscal year. Resa Hennings said she wanted it to be really good so agreed it would take time to organize. Ed Harris said he thought the Board agreed to form a Committee to study the scholarship concept. He suggested to the Board Members to go to the Committee Meeting to give your opinions and then they can come back to the Board with their recommendations. It was recommended that