

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes Monday, February 23, 2009 - Corrected

President Resa Hennings called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Thirteen members were in attendance thus achieving a quorum: Susie Ganch, Melodey Hauch, Shirley Lindquist, Jeanine Lawrence, Resa Hennings, Lewis Jarman, Mary Martin, Loren Martin, Tina Chatham, Alice Braud-Jones, Claudia Grafton, Lynn Finger, and Kathryn Morrow.

Jeanine Lawrence read from Jeremiah 31:3 and led us in a prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Tammy Frey, Registrar, reported by e-mail that we have 183 members.
2. The Open House at the Clayton House will be on Sunday, March 1 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The formal public opening of the Clayton House will be on Monday, March 2 at 1:00 p.m.
3. The League City Historical Society will present "Rice Farmers to Astronauts" on Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Butler Courtyard right across from Helen's Garden. *(It is the old bank building which is the first brick building built in League City.) It is located at Michigan and 2nd Streets.* Turn right from the gazebo off of FM 518.

The Minutes of the January 26 Board Meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Tina Chatham gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance Brought Forward from January 31, 2009 was \$3,138.91 in the checking account and \$5,149.60 in the CD accounts. The Income was from: Cookbook Sales \$165.00; Cash Basket \$13.30; Membership Dues \$185.00 for a Total Income of \$363.30. The Expenses were from: Meeting Room \$55.00; Food Service \$5.50; Website Domain Name \$10.98; Memorial Donation for Glenda Warren \$50.00; January Speaker, Irene Walters \$25.00; UBC – extra speaker handout copies \$20.00; and Newsletter Expenses \$20.76 for a Total Expense of \$187.24. This left a Balance on Hand in the Checking Account of \$3,314.97. A check to Copy Doctor in the amount of \$561.50 was written after January 31st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Kathryn Morrow, Scholarship Chairman, reported that she has contacted the IRS regarding what we want to do in regard to scholarship funds. Resa Hennings has also been in contact with the IRS. Kathryn said that we need to get an amendment to the BAGS By-Laws. She had a copy of a form to submit to the IRS. The area in red of her copy is what she proposes to submit. Each one of us needs to review these changes and either e-mail her or call her with our opinions by the middle of March. We would be in the "big leagues" of organizations if we gave out \$250.00 a year. Most organizations do not give out large amounts. An award is a one time deal; it is simple to keep records on awards. Scholarships require much more extensive IRS reporting regulations. The Award Committee must be active with 3 to 5 members with two coming from the BAGS Board and three from the BAGS Membership. Awards would be better for our organization; we will keep records of who received the awards. We will e-mail our IRS Representative after Resa decides we are ready to do so with the papers that Kathryn has written; the IRS will check what we have written. Shirley Lindquist suggested that we review items 1 through 6 of open questions and see if we approve them. (1) We got away from the youth theme when we got away from scholarships. The "Julia Idelsen Award" had 23 submittals, such as research done on historic movie theaters. Do we want to set a specific amount? We need to amend the IRS submittal if we change the amount of money awarded. A suggestion was made in the amount of \$250.00 a year;

ten were in favor of this amount, so it was unanimous. (2) It was thought that research had to be limited to Texas, and that it would be awarded to someone who lived in Texas. We could do work on Texas projects, although we do not have to have Texas ancestors. The person in charge of the *Quarterly* would like Texas research projects. Item 4, Number 1 is specific on what the research needs to be. We want to cover Texas history, Texas genealogy, Texas family history with possible emphasis on Houston or the Bay Area. Awardees must be Texas residents and special emphasis must be on Houston or the Bay Area. BAGS is especially interested in the Bay Area History. (3) We have to make certain clear legal statements for the IRS. We didn't talk about numbers 4 and 5.

2. Melodey Hauch, *Quarterly* Editor reported that the next edition of the *Quarterly* is in good shape. Melodey needs to add an 11" x 17" sheet to the *Quarterly* which will cost \$28.00; this addition will make an additional four pages to the *Quarterly* at a cost of \$156.00 a year. Alice Braud-Jones made a motion to add \$170.00 to the *Quarterly* Budget. Susie Ganch seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.
3. Shirley Lindquist, Member Services Chairman, reported on the results of her survey that she passed out at the last membership meeting. She had 44 responses. She had trouble getting instructors for the first three classes: "Using the Internet for Research", "Immigration and Migration Routes", and "British Isles Research". Susie Ganch and her husband will teach "How to Write a Family History" in June. Kathryn Morrow volunteered to teach "Immigration and Migration". Shirley has already scheduled her classes, so Kathryn will do "Immigration and Migration" as a monthly speaker. Shirley said that we can set up to 100 people at the "Cultural Hall" for the March 7 seminar on the LDS Family History Centers "Portal". Shirley has a concern about publicity; she wants the information in the *Citizen*; she has not been able to reach Chris Terrell.
4. Kathryn Morrow has written a handout about introducing "The Portal" Genealogy Seminar on March 7, 2009 from 10:00 until 12:00 noon. After this, the Family History Center will be open another two hours. There will be a brief announcement on the Family History Centers and how to access Family History Centers. "The Portal" will give one free access to copies of original documents; it will have to be accessed at the Family History Centers. Shirley will announce this seminar at the BAGS General Meeting on Friday night. Kelly Thomas, who is the expert on "The Portal", will be at the meeting on Friday night. (This meeting will be on the same day as the "WWII Ghosts of Fairview Cemetery" Tour in League City.)
5. Resa will appoint a Nominating Committee in March. She needs two board members and 3 members from the general membership. The slate of officers will be presented to the Board in May and to the general membership in June. We will vote on the officers for the next year at the July meeting. The new officers will take over at the September meeting. August 31st is the end of the fiscal year. Shirley Lindquist has been Chairman of the Nominating Committee and prefers not to do it again. Alice Braud-Jones cannot be president because of her other commitments. Lynne Finger said that she will be Corresponding Secretary for another term, and Lewis Jarman will be the Sergeant-at-Arms for another term. Resa said that any of the positions on the board could be for a year if the person holding the position cannot do two years. Resa said that she will ask Tammy if she can be the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
6. We will have to file a 990N Form for the IRS by an e-mail note to state that our receipts are under \$25,000.00 a year.
7. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, reported that we had 14 members attend the January Board Meeting and 92 people attended Society Meeting (74 members and 18 visitors). The January Sales Income was from State Booklets for \$4.76. The February Church Expenses will be \$55.00 for room set up and \$6.75 for Food Service for a total of \$61.75.
8. Lynn Finger sent cards to 18 visitors from the January Society Meeting. She sent a get-well card to Dottie Crabb.
9. Claudia Grafton, Vice-President in Charge of Programs, reported that Bruce Lockett will present a program entitled "Last of the Mound Builders" on Friday. Claudia will give him \$50.00

because he has to travel from Beaumont. He will talk about what he has been digging up. Emily Croom will be the speaker at the March meeting.

10. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that on Wednesday, February 4, we had 26 people sign up to go to the Clayton Library. Twenty-two were able to actually go with us. Many of them attended the program on ProQuest which sponsors Heritage Quest and the Ancestry Library Edition. We collected \$38.00 to send to the East Harris County Senior Citizen's Program. Our next scheduled trips are: Thursday, February 26 and Thursday, March 12. We will select four more trips on Wednesday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 11 with East Harris County Senior Citizens.

Resa adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin
Recording Secretary

Note: Bruce Lockett was not able to do the program on Friday, February 27 because of a family illness, so Kathryn Black Morrow did a program on "Migration Trails".