

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 26, 2009

President Resa Hennings called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ten members were in attendance thus creating a quorum: Neil Miserendino, Mary Martin, Loren Martin, Lynn Finger, Melodey Hauch, Tina Chatham, Alice Braud-Jones, Resa Hennings, Kathryn Morrow, and Tammy Frey.

Tina Chatham gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance Brought Forward for April 30, 2009 was \$2,712.25 in the checking account and \$5,176.38 in the CD accounts. The Income was from Cash Basket \$7.00 and Sales Income (surname databases, magazines) \$7.75 for Total Income of \$14.75. The Expenses were from Copy Dr. – newsletter & speaker handouts \$18.51; Meeting Room \$55.00; and Food Service \$5.50 for Total Expenses of \$79.01. This left a Balance on Hand of \$2,647.99 in the checking account and \$5,178.71 in the CD accounts. (One of the CDs is for 3 months and the other CD is for 6 months.)

We did not have the March Board Meeting Minutes to approve. The minutes for the April 20th Board Meeting were approved with one small *correction of* the date to the 20th instead of the 22nd in the title.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resa Hennings gave the Nominating Committee Report for the 2009-2010 Term. **President**, Tina Chatham; **1st Vice-President**, Claudia Grafton; **2nd Vice-President**, Susie Ganch; **Recording Secretary**, Mary Martin; **Corresponding Secretary**, Lynn Finger; **Treasurer**, Billy Mayo; and **Registrar**, Tammy Frey. The slate of officers will be presented at the *June* Society Meeting. Lewis Jarman has accepted being Chairman of the Member Services Committee and Sergeant-at-arms.
2. Resa Hennings gave a report for Claudia Grafton who is the 2nd Vice-President in Charge of Programs. Claudia is working on all day seminar with Emily Croom. She had been thinking about the first weekend in November, but there is a conflict with the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS) that weekend.
3. Kathryn Black Morrow, Chairman of the Awards Committee, handed out her sheet of requirements for those who apply for the annual award. The award site will be on the BAGS website. The BAGS Secretary will receive the applications in the mail at the BAGS post office box: BAGS, P.O. Box 891447, Houston, Texas 77289-1447. The secretary will be the only one who sees the filled out forms so that those who are judging will not know the name of the submitter, and they can judge fairly. Applicants may submit a paper two years in a row, and they can resubmit again especially if it is a good paper, but they can only be chosen as the *award recipient* once in three years. The *recipient* will be notified by mail (not e-mail because it is not formal enough). We can have a summary of text at the February meeting; a talk of approximately five minutes will be presented. Some papers might not be long enough to be presented as a program. The award will be presented to the winner at the February meeting. Alice Braud-Jones made a motion that the forms be approved with the changes that were discussed. Neil Miserendino seconded the motion. Discussion: Loren Martin felt that the Awards Committee had to be very active if the papers were submitted in December and the award

was presented in February. There are not very many submittals received during the summer months. We could have the submittal date be December 1 and the awards in March (March is in the middle of the academic semester). Alice reported that March is already booked with a program by Dick Eastman. Mr. Eastman will do a program for the Clayton Library Friends in March, the day after the BAGS March Society Meeting. Mr. Eastman will do our March program for \$50.00 and dinner; his program would draw a good crowd for the BAGS March Society Meeting and the first award program. Mr. Eastman will pick his program. Alice's previous motion, but not voted on included that we approve the BAGS Award Entry Form, the IRS Research Award Requirements Form, and the WELCOME TO THE BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL AWARD SITE! with the suggested changes. Neil Miserendino seconded the motion. We had 8 votes for the motion; the vote was unanimous. (1) Section 1 – IRS Requirements under (#1b.) change the sentence to read with the word "the" instead of the word "one" **"The annual award of \$250.00 to promote new Texas history, especially Texas family history."** (#1e). "Provide copies of any solicitation or announcement materials. **Attached** (#1f.) "Provide a sample copy of the application used. **Attached** (2) Section 4 – (#7) "Award monies will be presented at a ceremony at the **March** BAGS meeting. Winners must attend this meeting to receive their award, and will present their paper at the **March** or a future BAGS meeting." (#8) "Size; Length of the paper may vary from **10 – 20 (10-25)** pages of text, single spaced. A change on the BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AWARD ENTRY FORM follows: Under #8, changed the month to **March** instead of February. A complete post office address was added to the WELCOME TO THE BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AWARD SITE! **BAGS, PO Box 891447, Houston, Texas 77289-1447.** It was suggested to make this an annual award.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tammy Frey asked about the dues; are we going to change the amount of the dues or leave them the same as previous years. It was suggested to leave them the same because of economic conditions. We have money in the CD's that could be used if we need more money.
2. The Board should be aware of *of new activity or actions*. It is time to start budgeting *for next year*. *Tammy advised that we need to have the new budget ready for the September meeting.* A Budget Committee was selected: Neil Miserendino, Loren Martin, Tammy Frey, Kathryn Morrow, and Tina Chatham. *Resa asked that members respond promptly* when contacted. The 2009-2010 Budget will be approved at the August Board Meeting. Billy Mayo should be included in June and July meetings if he is elected Treasurer. The chairman of the Budget Committee does not have to be the Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that we had 15 people go to the Clayton Library on the East Harris County Bus on Wednesday, May 20. Twenty-three dollars was collected to send to the East Harris County Senior Citizen's Program. Our next trip to the library is Wednesday, June 3. The other trips scheduled are Wednesday, July 8; Wednesday, August 19; and Tuesday, September 29.

2. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, gave Mary Martin the following report by telephone. We had twelve members attend the April Board Meeting. Forty-four people attended the April Society Meeting (42 members and 2 visitors). The cost of the May Society Meeting room set up will be \$55.00 and a \$5.50 charge for the beverage set-up for a total of \$60.50.
3. Lynn Finger, Corresponding Secretary reported she sent no get-well cards during the last month. It was reported that Wanda Yelverton's daughter is very ill, and Wanda and Ned should have a card.
4. Melodey Hauch, *Quarterly* Editor, reported that the next edition of the *Quarterly* is going quite well.
5. Neil Miserendino, *Yearbook* Editor, reported that the *Yearbook* is finished until the next fiscal year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin

Recording Secretary