

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes Monday, July 27, 2009

President Resa Hennings called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Thirteen people attended the meeting thus creating a quorum: Loren Martin, Mary Martin, Neil Miserendino, Claudia Grafton, Melodey Hauch, Bill Mayo, Lewis Jarman, Lynn Finger, Alice Braud-Jones, Resa Hennings, Paula Sinning, Tina Chatham, and Eleanor Caldwell.

Jeanine Lawrence was unable to come, so we didn't have a devotional.

The minutes from the Monday, June 22, 2009 meeting were approved by the Board as presented by e-mail this morning except that Claudia Grafton asked that we include under Committee Reports #5 that there was a consensus of the Board for Claudia to use part of her budget to pay Irene Walters as a speaker at the "Breaking Down the Brick Walls" program at the meeting in April and help her with her hotel bill incurred because she couldn't get home because of the flooding of the streets in the Bay Area that night.

The minutes from the March 23rd meeting aren't available yet, but they will be soon.

Tina Chatham gave the Treasurer's Report. It was approved by the Board. See the Treasurer's Report attached hereto and made a part hereof.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Shirley Lindquist, Membership Committee, sent her report by e-mail. She had a meeting with Lewis Jarman who is the incoming chairman of this committee. Lewis is anxious to start conducting education classes soon. There will be a delay in the class that Allan and Susie Ganch were going to teach because Allan has been ill. Lewis has been contacting members to see who could help teach other classes. Lewis has recruited two members for his committee after the meeting that he and Shirley had. Shirley gave previous class materials to Lewis. Lewis asked Shirley to be a committee advisor for one year, and she agreed.
2. Kathryn Black Morrow, Awards Committee Chairman, has not received any response from the IRS, so she had nothing new to report. Lewis Jarman asked if we have advertised the awards. They have been advertised on the BAGS website and in the *Quarterly*. Lewis asked how we would advertise the awards to the community. Kathryn was working on a flyer; she is interested in advertising the awards to the University of Houston and other colleges. Entrants have to be a resident of Texas to apply for an award. Kathryn knows how to get the word out through her network of people interested in genealogy.
3. Lynn Finger, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she sent cards to four visitors. She sent cards to Mary Pearson, Wanda Yelverton, Jeanine Lawrence, Betty Ryman, and Doug & Polly Wilson. Dottie Crabb suggested that we send a card to Barbara Larsen. Gayle Gordon was an interested visitor. Carole Lynne O'Neal is part of a group starting a Texas Heritage Society in the Woodlands. It was suggested that Lynn send a card to Allan Ganch and maybe, his wife Susie Ganch who has been caring for him. Another member who should have a "Thinking of You Card" is Shirley Robbins whose sister passed away, and her mother is ill.
4. Eleanor Caldwell, Five Generation Charts Editor, reported that she has gotten more charts in the last four months than she received during all of last year. These are people who have not turned in charts before.
5. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that we had 18 people go to the Clayton Library on Wednesday, July 8. Thirty-one dollars was collected to send to the East Harris County Senior Citizens for this project. Because she was unable to go on the trip, Marie Krnavek took her place.

and made sure that everyone got to and from the library safely. The last two trips scheduled are: Wednesday, August 19 and Tuesday, September 29.

6. Claudia Grafton, 2nd Vice-President in Charge of Programs made a motion to have a "Holiday Party. Neil Miserendino seconded the motion. Nine members were in favor of the motion, and one member abstained. The motion passed. **ACTION:** It will be presented to the membership to see if they are interested in a "Holiday Party". Burton Chapman, author of *Telephone Road, Texas* will discuss the eclectic history of Telephone Road in Houston at the general meeting on Friday night.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tina Chatham has budgets from some of the committee chairmen and officers. She needs to contact the others. She has a partial proposed budget, and she has based some figures from last year's budget. Claudia had a question about the program budget overlapping fiscal years because of the need to plan the programs in advance. The figures on the budget sheet are as of June 30, 2009. At the present time, we have 190 members. Bill Mayo had a question about the breakdown of the membership between family and single memberships, but we do not have the figures at the meeting. One thousand dollars has been budgeted for audiovisual equipment in the past that has not been spent. This money would have to come out of a CD when it is spent. We starting charging people for postage who want their *Quarterlies* mailed to help from creating a deficit. We have other options such as raising membership dues later in the year. Tina has not budgeted for what we would make on seminars or the "Holiday Party". This budget is a projection. We get a discount on printing the *Quarterlies*; we will get a credit of \$120.00 on printing the *Quarterlies* from an overcharge. It costs \$1.74 to print each *Quarterly*; this does not include postage. We use the cheapest stock for covers. We print 145 *Quarterlies* with each printing. If you go to Copy Dr. for BAGS copying, we get a discount. We had a discussion as to what different places charge to make copies. Bill Mayo said that UPS was inexpensive. Alice buys a UPS copy card. At the August meeting, we will pay extra to the church because we will have the annual "Show and Tell – Potluck Supper". It costs an extra \$45.00 if we have a dinner to pay for clean up by the custodial staff. We will need some extra money if we do the seminar presented by Emily Croom in November; Claudia Grafton, 2nd Vice-President is working on setting up this program. \$263.00 has been budgeted for Member Services; we have not had any charges for new member packets. Discussion of detailed Income Line Items followed. We have not been receiving a lot of money on the Cash Baskets; we need to drop the amount budgeted. We have been using the income from the Cash Baskets to help pay for the meat at the August "Show and Tell – Potluck Supper" meeting. The Sale of Publications that Jeanine takes care of has not been what was budgeted. The sale of "BAGS Tote Bags" has dropped down; we have more than 40 of them left. The sale of "BAGS Cookbooks" has slowed down. Lewis wanted to talk about the audio visual equipment. Resa said that we won't buy audio visual equipment until we have to buy it. We rent some things from the church. It is authorized to purchase by keeping it as a line item in the budget. Audio visual equipment changes so quickly, so, we don't want to purchase it until we are going to use it.
2. Alice Braud-Jones and Neil Miserendino reported on the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Committee. They have been verifying B-North which is now Bernadette Section which has 370 names. The Bernadette Section will be featured in the *September Quarterly*, and then we will start on Bonaventure. Neil found someone to translate a tombstone that was written in Chinese. It was translated by someone who came from Taiwan. Chinese is different on the mainland because Chairman Mao (the dictator of China) had some of the characters changed. **ACTION:** Alice will work on the cemetery records after August 29th. We will start the project up again in the fall. We will go through Bonaventure and the back sections. Resa asked how this information is being stored. Melodey Hauch said that there will be a complete index if want to do a book, but we are

going to wait on this. The Mt. Olivet Cemetery would be given a book. The book will be copyrighted if it is published. There are 6,000 names in this cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. We had discussion about purchasing meat for the "Show and Tell – Potluck Supper" meeting in August. It was suggested that we purchase brisket, turkey, sausage, and chicken for 40 to 50 people. **ACTION:** Claudia will purchase the meat from a place in Dickinson. Everyone will bring side dishes and desserts. **ACTION:** Resa will announce at the general meeting to bring a side dish or dessert to the "Show and Tell – Potluck Supper" meeting. Resa had a Family Tree Maker program that was left from a seminar that we could use as a door prize.
2. Lewis Jarman had some thoughts about some things that we could do with the BAGS organization. He felt that we seemed disorganized at the beginning of the meeting. Someone said that the beginning of the meeting is an informal time for socializing. Lewis felt that we need to advertise the activities and programs of our fellow organizations. We also need to have more educational programs. Claudia suggested that we could have a bulletin board, but who would take care of it? **ACTION:** Resa said that she will announce anything that comes up at the meetings and let others announce what is going on in the other groups that they belong to. Claudia said that we have BAGS members who are members of several other organizations. We could ask if other organizations have anything to advertise at our meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin

Recording Secretary