

Bay Area Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2010

President Tina Chatham called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Twelve members were present thus achieving a quorum: Jeanine Lawrence, Tina Chatham, Neil Miserendino, Mary Martin, Tammy Frey, Resa Hennings, Lynn Finger, Bill Mayo, Melodey Hauch, Claudia Grafton, Lewis Jarman, and Paula Sinning.

Jeanine Lawrence read passages from the Old Testament that were read during Bill Teas' Memorial Service in December.

The minutes from the October 26, 2009 were approved as sent out by e-mail.

Treasurer, Bill Mayo, gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance as of 1 December 2009 was \$3,816.13, and the Balance as of 31 December 2009 was \$3,755.60. See the attached Treasurer's Report for the complete report for December 2009. The cost to change the domain name was \$32.00 for two years. It will cost \$10.00 per address to mail *Quarterlies* for a year all at one time. The Emily Croom Seminar will cost \$290.00. All tax reporting has been done for the fiscal year. Bill made up a BAGS Request Form to be used for reimbursements. **ACTION:** Bill will renew the CD's for a year or for a year and a half.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Mayo presented the BAGS 2009-2010 Budget. See the attached Budget for 2009-2010. Lewis Jarman a motion to approve the budget. Jeanine Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Melodey Hauch, *Quarterly* Editor reported that we need 134 printed due to family memberships. She currently orders 120 copies; she can have them print more issues. Resa has some old *Quarterlies* at home. They might increase in value as the years go by. Ninety-five out of 134 pick them up at the meetings. The number of pages has been increased to 40. We can go as high as 60 pages and still fit them in the current format. Melodey needs some articles for the next issue of the *Quarterly*. Eleanor Caldwell who does the Five-Generation Charts is out of town. Resa used Print Master to produce the *Quarterlies* when she was the *Quarterly* Editor. Susie Ganch and Melodey use a PDF file to produce the *Quarterlies*. We currently sell extra copies for \$5.00 each or for four for \$15.00.
2. Resa Hennings reported that Oletia Teas requested that no flowers be sent to the memorial service for her husband Bill Teas who passed away December 19, 2009. She requested that donations could be sent to the Clayton Library or to the Salvation Army. Resa gave a copy of Bills' obituary to Lynn Finger who is the Historian. Tina suggested that BAGS send \$100.00 to Clayton Library Friends. Tammy Frey made a motion that we send \$100.00 to the Clayton Library Friends. Jeanine Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion was passed. **ACTION:** Bill Mayo will write a letter to the Clayton Library Friends when he sends the check in Bill's memory. Wally Davenport is in charge of these donations, so they should be sent to Wally.
3. Resa Hennings, Publicity Chairman, reported that Dick Eastman has an all day seminar at Clayton. It was written incorrectly in the *Citizen* Newspaper. Three months of speakers will be listed in the *Citizen* in a few days. The *Citizen* incorrectly had Dick Eastman instead of Emily Croom doing a seminar for BAGS. Dick Eastman will address BAGS on March 26. There is no seminar on March 10. Bruce Lockett will speak at the February 26 meeting. **ACTION:** Jeanine will check to see if the Chapel is available for the March 26th meeting.

4. Kim Zrubek, *Newletter* Editor, wanted to know if we are going to have meetings in June and July. The Great Room is scheduled for these dates. We had a discussion on whether we voted to have June and July meetings this year. Membership drives start in June. Bill Mayo made a motion that we meet in June and July. Resa Hennings seconded the motion. Lewis Jarman abstained. The motion passed. Jeanine Lawrence read from a copy of the August General Meeting Minutes that we would meeting that we would meet periodically. In the *Yearbook* it was stated that the meeting dates would be decided later.
5. Kim Zrubek has volunteered to do the Holiday Party in 2010. We would have to sell tickets for it. If we met where we met in 2009 at the Hope Village Tea Room in Friendswood, we would have to pay to reserve a larger room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Claudia Grafton, First Vice President, reported on updating the bylaws. We are half way there. We are planning to abolish the constitution, but all of the constitution will be contained in the bylaws. The question was raised if abolishing the bylaws would affect our legal status. The trend now is to put the two of them together. Bill Mayo suggested that we might send this change to the IRS, however, we only need to do this if we make a major change. Claudia's committee will get this to the Board in April or May. Claudia has confirmed Emily Croom for May 1 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with lunch. Claudia is waiting on Emily for subject matter. It will be held at the College of the Mainland. The seminar will include several counties around us, Harris, Galveston, Trinity, Brazoria, and Fort Bend. Emily sells her books at the seminars, but she doesn't like to make a profit at her seminars. Neil Miserendino moved that we spend money to rent College of the Mainland. If we need to, we would have to cancel five days before the seminar or we would not get a refund of the \$290.00. There was no second to the motion.
2. Tammy Frey reported that BAGS received an enormous book entitled *The Peckham Family*. There was a letter included that stated: "The Genealogical Helper listed your library as having a section for genealogies.....we wish to give at least 200 copies to ... libraries. It was suggested that we give the book to the Clayton Library.
3. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, reported that there is new carpeting in the Great Room and a new wooden floor on the stage. There were 14 members at the Board Meeting in September and 54 at the Society Meeting (53 members and 1 visitor). In October, there were 10 members at the Board Meeting and 61 at the Society Meeting (54 members and 7 visitors). There were no Board Meetings in November or December. There were 36 people at the Holiday Party in November (34 members and 2 visitors). There was no Society Meeting in December. The January Church Expenses will be: Room Set-up \$55.00; Food Service \$5.50 for a Total of \$60.50. The BAGS meeting dates are confirmed through June.
4. Lewis Jarman, Member Services Chairman, had no report. Lewis is trying to put a class together that is not a beginning class. This class will need a computer; he will send the officers a copy of what he has put together. We had a discussion on Five-Generation Charts. Tammy said that there used to be a list of who had turned in their Five-Generation Chart. Lewis asked the Board to help him define his task; he needs some direction. Jeanine mentioned that she had spoken to someone who will be a guest on Friday who has never done genealogy before.
5. Paula Sinning, Cookbook Chairman, had some money to turn in for cookbooks and other things which she gave to Tammy.
6. Lynn Finger, Corresponding Secretary, sent sympathy cards to Ann Fogelman whose brother died; Franklin Roth's daughter; Oletia Teas whose husband Bill Teas died; Betty Lava whose husband Ray Lava died. She sent a card to Connie Ogden who had been in the Clear Lake Heart Hospital.
7. We need someone to chair the Telephone Committee while Connie Ogden is recovering. **ACTION:** Lewis Jarman said that he would help. Claudia will try to get some information about what they do from Connie.
8. Neil Miserendino, E-mail Chairman, will send out a notice about the January 29 Society Meeting. Irene Walters will speak on "Researching Using Microfilm and Microfiche at Clayton Library."

9. Tammy Frey, Registrar, reported that we have 160 members.
10. No one has submitted a paper for the Award Contest. The applications go to the Post Office Box, and the Recording Secretary will receive the submissions and number them so that they can be judged without anyone knowing who had made the submissions except the Recording Secretary. Resa said that we need to advertise them more. It is an annual award, and it was advertised in the *June and September Quarterlies*. This is an ad hoc committee. We need someone to head this committee. It was suggested that Gay Carter who is a member of BAGS and a librarian at the University of Houston in Clear Lake be in charge of this committee. Kathryn Black Morrow who chaired this committee is no longer a member of BAGS. Lewis suggested that we have a handout advertising the award. There is a form that needs to be filled out by applicants. Something that has already been written can be submitted. It was suggested that we could change the amount of the award to be more than \$250.00.
11. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that there were 12 people who went to the Tyrell Library in Beaumont on Wednesday, November 18. Thirty dollars was collected to send to the East Harris County Senior Citizen's. Marie Krnavek, Lewis Jarman, and Alice Braud-Jones were in charge of this trip because Mary Martin was not able to go with them. We had a trip on Wednesday, January 20. Sixteen people went on this trip to the Clayton Library. Twenty-eight dollars was sent to the East Harris County Senior Citizen's. The remaining scheduled trips are **Wednesday, February 24** and **Wednesday, March 10**. The March 10 trip will probably be the one that the group goes to Galveston to see their new exhibit at Moody Gardens November 21 – September 11, 2010 entitled "Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America Through Galveston Island: Ellis Island of the South".
12. Neil Miserendino, E-mail Chairman, updated the e-mail list. Some names were deleted, and three new ones were added.
13. Resa was wondering if she gave one of the post office box keys to Neil Miserendino. She gave the other key to Tammy Frey. **ACTION:** Neil will check to see if he has a key.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin

Recording Secretary

Status of Treasurer Board Meeting Action Items: I renewed the CD this morning (**January 27**) for a two-year period at an Apr of 1.4%; if we need to cash it in early, there is only a 3-month penalty.

I mailed a memorial donation to Clayton Library Friends in the amount of \$ 100.00.

Guaranty Bank is officially becoming Compass Bank on the 12th of February. We should be able to continue to use our current checks/deposit slips until some future time. That is, we do not have to purchase new ones.

Billy Mayo
Treasurer