

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes Monday, February 22, 2010

President Tina Chatham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. *Twelve* members were present, *eleven* board members and one visitor, thus achieving a quorum. The board members present were: Neil Miserendino, Tina Chatham, Jeanine Lawrence, Melodey Hauch, Lewis Jarman, Eleanor Caldwell, Susie Ganch, Lynn Finger, Mary Martin, Bill Mayo, and Resa Hennings. Loren Martin was the visitor attending the meeting.

Jeanine Lawrence read from Romans 13:8-10 from *The Message* version of the Bible and led us in a prayer.

Bill Mayo, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. The Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2010 was \$3,755.60. The Income for January was \$243.00 and the Expenditures were \$765.25. This left a Balance on Hand as of January 31, 2010 of \$3,233.35. This figure is below our expectations for income, and the expenditures are what we have anticipated. The Year to Date figure covers September, October, November, and December. Much of the revenue from dues came in before September during July and August. The membership is a little lower right now. We had a discussion on how the time of payment of membership dues reflects on the amount of income during the fiscal year because quite a bit of it is collected during the previous year. The Value of our CDs is \$5,226.98. Bill also presented a copy of a Year to Date Financial Report that runs from September to January. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as reported.

Melodey Hauch had corrections for the Minutes from Monday, January 25, 2010. There were 134 *Quarterlies* printed for each issue last year. Melodey had 120 *Quarterlies* printed in January. This was in her report. Under the Treasurer's Report Melodey reported that the minutes should state that it costs \$2.50 to mail the *Quarterlies* to one address a year when they are mailed all at one time. They are sent by Media Mail because this is the cheapest way to send them. Neil Miserendino moved that we accept the minutes as amended. There was no second, but all were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that our next trip to the Clayton Library will be on Wednesday, February 24 this week. We are planning to go to Galveston to see the exhibit at Moody Gardens entitled "Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America through Galveston Island" "Ellis Island of the South on Wednesday, March 10. We have several people interested in this trip. We have some details that need to be worked out before we go on this trip. We will schedule four to six more trips on March 3rd and March 10th that will run through September.
2. Susie Ganch, *Yearbook* Editor, reported that the *Yearbooks* are being printed this week, and they will be available to be picked up at Friday's meeting.
3. Susie Ganch, 2nd Vice-President in Charge of Programs, reported that she will need to find two more speakers because the Board decided to continue the summer meetings in June and July. Resa has some ideas for speakers. A presentation on Master Genealogist software was suggested, but there was concern that members are interested in other genealogy programs. Family Tree Maker is the most common. Susie thought of asking Gaye Carter to do a program. Kathryn Black Morrow was suggested; however, she is planning to move soon and might not be available. Bruce Lockett has been a popular speaker with BAGS. Resa asked to let her know as soon as she could so that she could publicize them.
4. Melodey Hauch, *Quarterly* Editor, reported that she has a diary which has a lot of Kemah history in it. She needs articles for the next *Quarterly*.

5. It was requested that the BAGS Website address be printed be on the agenda handouts for Friday nights.
6. Lewis Jarman, Chairman Member Services Committee, asked what kind of literature and charts should be included in the New Member Packets. Items to include are: Five Generation Charts, past speaker handouts, current *Newsletter* front page, website address, *Yearbooks*, *Quarterlies*, a folder of information from Clayton Library, Family Tree Maker advertisements and various other software's such as the top five of them, and Family Group Sheets with instructions on how to fill them out.
7. Eleanor Caldwell, Five Generation Charts Chairman, stressed that she needs more charts from members, especially the new members and some of the old members.
8. Lynn Finger, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she sent postcards to seven visitors, and a card to James and Claudia Grafton.
9. Resa Hennings, Publicity Chairman, reported that she sends out information by the deadlines and the publishers don't follow through. The *Citizen* had a nice spread. She has put articles in the Pasadena and Deer Park newsletters. Tina suggested putting information in the church newsletters; Jeanine said that we can't put articles in the *University Baptist Church Newsletter* because they have a lot of church articles and not enough room in them.
10. Neil Miserendino, E-mail Chairman, reported that some of the e-mails are bouncing.
11. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, reported that we had 13 people at the January Board Meeting. We had 65 people at the January Society Meeting (54 members and 11 visitors). The February Church Expenses will be \$55.00 for room set-up and \$5.50 for food service for a total of \$60.50. The Sales Income from January was 30 cents from the Clear Lake Area Historical Map and two Family Tree Makers @ \$5.00 each for a total of \$10.00. The total for both items was \$10.30. The Chapel is not available for the March 26th Society Meeting featuring Dick Eastman as the speaker, therefore, we will meet in the Great Room as usual. All of our meetings have been confirmed in the Great Room except for August which will be in the Chapel.
12. Tina was curious why visitors come to the meetings. Do they see the advertisements? Jeanine said that she frequently sees our advertisements in newspapers and area publications.
13. Resa Hennings reported that the Emily Croom Seminar will be held at the College of the Mainland. We have not firmed up the program; the food to be served; and the audio-visual equipment. The seminar will be on May 1 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We will have registration and set up from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Look at the e-mail for times. Emily will need two tables and two chairs for display of her books. The room can hold up to 270 people, but we can only have 266 people because of the fire code. Leslee Fehlman said that she could help. It costs \$290.00 to rent the room, and it is already paid. We will probably have lunch in another room which will be an additional fee? We will probably serve box lunches, and we need to find out what rules that College of the Mainland may have. **ACTION:** Lewis Jarman will find out everything that he can about the food service. In past years, the name tag was coded with the kind of sandwich ordered. We need good maps to show where the restrooms are. **ACTION:** Neil Miserendino will send out an e-mail. Neil Miserendino, Leslee Fehlman, Resa Hennings, Melodey, Hauch, Lewis Jarman, and Tammy Frey have volunteered to work on a committee for the seminar. Resa will do a flyer after getting information from Emily Croom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin

Recording Secretary