

Minutes
Bay Area Genealogical Society
Board Meeting
March 22, 2010

President Tina Chatham called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Ten members were in attendance: Jeanine Lawrence, Tina Chatham, Alice Jones, Melodey Hauch, Neil Miserendino, Resa Hennings, Lynn Finger, Susie Ganch, Bill Mayo, and Tammy Frey. A quorum was achieved.

Jeanine read selected verses from Mark 15: 12-39, then said a prayer.

Treasurer Bill Mayo presented the February, 2010, Treasurer's Report. As of February 28 the balance in our checking account was \$3,048.34 and the two CDs were valued at \$5,226.98. His Report is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Lewis Jarman moved to approve the February Treasurer's Report, Jeanine Lawrence seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the February 22, 2010, Board meeting were reviewed for corrections and additions—all was found to be in order. Bill Mayo moved to approve the Minutes, Jeanine Lawrence seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

In Mary Martin's absence, President Chatham read her County Coordinator report. Four new trips to Clayton Library have been scheduled: April 7, May 26, June 2, and July 28. Fourteen BAGS members and friends went on the bus trip to Galveston March 10 and toured the exhibit at Moody Gardens: "Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America through Galveston Island—Ellis Island of the South." Lunch at Casey's Seafood Café on Seawall Boulevard was enjoyed by all. The group contributed \$25 to send to the East Harris County Senior Citizen's Program.

Our April 30 program, Demolition Day, was discussed and 2nd Vice President Susie Ganch will request topics from members at the March 26 General meeting.

Quarterly Editor Melodey Hauch gave an update. She will be out of town for the March General meeting and Deborah Gammon will be filling in, handing out quarterlies to the members. Neil Miserendino is working on the St. Bonaventure section in the Cemetery Transcription Project, which is being published in the *Quarterly*. That area needs to be walked one more time.

Discussion of the May 1 Emily Croom Seminar was led by Chairman Neil Miserendino. The Registration Form has been completed and has been placed on the website and in the *Newsletter*. Fifty copies are to be printed to hand out at this Friday's General meeting and to be given to Alice Jones for distribution at Clayton Library. Melodey sent e-mail invitations/announcements to various genealogical groups in Harris and Galveston counties, as well as the surrounding counties of Chambers, Brazoria, and Ft. Bend. Registrar Tammy Frey reported that two Registration applications have been received to date.

Lewis suggested having a "BAGS Symposium" sign made, to be hung from outside the building at College of the Mainland where the Croom seminar is to be held. He will check prices and other details and report back to the Board.

Alice Jones requested that BAGS contribute a "BAGS Recipes" book and a BAGS tote bag to be used as prizes at the March 27 Dick Eastman Seminar sponsored by The Friends of Clayton Library. Lewis moved that we donate the two items, Bill seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Alice gave an update on Eastman speaking at our March 26 meeting. It is hoped that the meeting will conclude in ample time to take Mr. Eastman to dinner. She also mentioned that Clayton will be having an Irish seminar September 16, the presentation being made by members of the Ulster Historical Society.

There was discussion about selling BAGS quarterlies at the Croom seminar, folders that should be handed out to the participants, and other assorted similar topics.

Meeting Room Chairman Jeanine Lawrence gave the attendance report for February: 12 members attended the Board meeting and 57 were in attendance at the General meeting (50 members, 7 guests). She reviewed the 6 month attendance records comparing 2010 to 2009 and the highest attendance in both years was when Clayton Librarian Irene Walters spoke (65 attending this year; 92, last year). The lowest numbers both years were for the November holiday parties (36 and 37). The average attendance Sept-Feb this year was 55; last year was 63 for the same time period. Jeanine reported that meeting room expenses for March totaled \$60.50.

As New Business, Lewis Jarman suggested the Board consider planning now for a 2-3 day meeting/seminar next year, maybe over a Friday and Saturday, possibly co-sponsoring the meeting with other societies. It was pointed out that Texas State Genealogical Society has scheduled such an event for the fall of 2011. There was much discussion about the complexity of planning such an event, the expenses involved, etc.

It is hoped BAGS' programs can be improved, with at least one "dynamite" speaker per quarter. Jerry Woodman, instructor for The Master Genealogist software program, will speak at either the June or July General meeting.

Tammy reported that we have 170 members to date.

Corresponding Secretary Lynn Finger reported that she sent out three cards: to our Webmaster Linda Carrington on the death of her father, to James Grafton due to his recent fall, and to his wife, 1st Vice President Claudia.

Publicity Chairman Resa Hennings reported that she sends listings of BAGS meetings to "The Citizen," Houston "Chronicle," "Galveston Daily News," and numerous neighborhood papers. Not all requests are accommodated, however, due to space constraints of the various publications.

When we first began renting a post office box at the Albert Thomas Branch on El Camino Real in 2001, we were issued two keys. Resa Hennings recently gave her key to Neil Miserendino since she is moving from the area. Tammy Frey is in possession of the other.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Resa N. Hennings
Substitute Recording Secretary