

**Bay Area Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 21, 2011**

President Tina Chatham called the meeting to order around 6:30 p.m. via e-mail. The following people logged on to the meeting: Tina Chatham, Tammy Frey, Susie Ganch, Bill Mayo, Neil Miserendino (he sent in his report via e-mail on Sunday), Mary Martin, Loren Martin, Lewis Jarman, Resa Hennings, Eleanor Caldwell, Melodey Hauch, and Linda Carrington. Susie Ganch said that it looked like 15 members were on line which would be a quorum.

Jeanine Lawrence will not be able to attend the meetings this week. She asked Bill Mayo to pick up some papers for her, and the new *Quarterly* and *Yearbook* and drop them by her home.

Tina Chatham asked that everyone post their approval of the minutes and the Treasurer's Report.

Bill Mayo moved to approve the January Board Meeting Minutes and the January General Meeting Minutes. Susie Ganch seconded Bill's motion to approve the minutes. Tammy Frey, Eleanor Caldwell, Resa Hennings, Tina Chatham, and Melodey Hauch approved the Board Meeting Minutes and the General Meeting Minutes; Tammy Frey thought that the missing last name in the General Meeting Minutes under line #4 was Cimino. Tina said that with a motion made and a second and fifteen people on line that the minutes are approved.

Tammy Frey, Susie Ganch, Melodey Hauch, Resa Hennings, Mary Martin, Tina Chatham, and Lewis Jarman approved the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tina asked if we need to resurrect the committee and rewrite the By-Laws. Tammy replied that it would be difficult because of the locations of the committee's homes but it would be do-able. The committee is: Tammy Frey, Resa Hennings, and Claudia Grafton. Melodey replied that Claudia and Tammy need to reply on how much more needs to be done. Susie said that we have talked many times about the by-laws, but she didn't think that it was urgent to do them right away; however, they need to be done. Tina will contact Claudia to see what she wants to do about the By-Laws. **ACTION:** Claudia, can we discuss a plan for getting these done?

NEW BUSINESS:

The New Business primarily has to do with discussion about our board meeting online and thoughts of the board members as they tried a new means of communication.

1. Resa Hennings suggested that BAGS think about going online with a Twitter or a Facebook address. Bill Mayo said that he thought that Facebook would work, but he didn't know about Twitter. Bill thought that it would be better discussed at a board meeting. We would need a "BAGS Facebook" master. Susie Ganch thought that we should pursue having an account on Facebook and Twitter. **ACTION:** Resa, can you explore a little more on these and how they might work and how we will use them?

2. Tina Chatham wrote: Electronic meetings - what other avenues can we explore to do them? Is any of our group more familiar with other methods that might work better? I only know a little about the Google group because my Church uses it for committee meetings but I am by no means an expert.
3. Tina Chatham wrote: In looking back at this now, maybe there are some things we can do differently, but we need to explore other methods. If we try to use this Google group, I think I would need to post one item that says approve meeting minutes and rather than everyone opening new posts, you open that one discussion item and reply so that all the topics related to it are in that one discussion. I agree it was confusing having so many individual postings on the same topic. Do any of you have much experience at chat rooms? Perhaps that is an option we should explore. We still need to meet face to face at least every other month but I think the e-meeting option would be good occasionally. We can talk more at the March Board meeting.
4. Linda Carrington wrote that Facebook uses administrators for group pages. She has a page set up for her Girl Scout troop. They have 3 or 4 parents who are administrators and that means they can approve members and post events. It is a private group and you can only join if you are invited. We would need to decide if only paid members of BAGS would be members of the group or if you would make it public. I don't know if it can be split so part is public and part private. For events, you can create a guest list, send invitations, and track who has responded. We do need more research. She has only used Twitter for her daughter's band when they were out of town at competitions. One of the booster club parents set it up and they put up messages letting us know things like, they'd arrived, were eating dinner, were preparing to perform, etc. The thing with twitter is that you are limited to a certain number of characters per post. It may not be useful for BAGS.
5. Resa thought that the Google Group site has merit for us to use on occasion as a way to "meet,".
6. **Resa** wrote that this is great information. She agreed that we need to do more research. **Resa** offered to work more on it for the next Board meeting. We will probably do better coming to any conclusions by really t-a-l-k-i-n-g face-to-face and not "googlegrouping" this particular topic. Thanks for the post and the benefit of your prior efforts in this area.
7. Susie Ganch said that she agrees it was a little awkward. She thinks in the future if we want to e-meet, we need to try 'Go to meeting' or do a conference call". Susie Ganch also said that "Facebook sounds like a good idea. I think we should let anyone join who has an interest because it could be a way to attract new members."

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Susie Ganch, 2nd Vice President and *Yearbook* Editor, reported that Cary Hall will be our speaker on Friday night. Susie will bring a camera on Friday to take pictures for the *Yearbook*. She asked Tina to announce that anyone who had received their *Yearbook* and if it did not have their picture in it to see her. Susie will need a \$25.00 check for Cary Hall, and she will give her a BAGS Tote Bag. **ACTION:** Bill Mayo said that he would write the check.
2. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, sent out a report to the board. On Wednesday, February 16, we had 14 people go to the Clayton Library. We collected \$27.00 to send to the East Harris County Senior Citizens to use for their programs. On Wednesday,

January 26, we had 12 people go to the Clayton Library. We collected \$25.00 to send to the East Harris County Senior Citizens to use for their programs. Mary will be able to select four new trips. Two trips will be selected on Thursday, March 3 and two more on Wednesday, March 9.

3. Tammy Frey said that we need to remove Connie Ogden's name from all of our e-mail lists.
4. Neil Miserendino added a few new members to the e-mail list. He will check to see if there are any members to delete. He will send out the *Newsletter* web address in a day or two.

Tammy Frey made the following comment about the e-mail meeting. This has been kind of confusing to me, with different comments being posted to various "posts" over a period of time. I have a hard time keeping up with which ones I have already read and get distracted jumping around from post to post. For times when we want to have an e-meeting, would it be easier for Tina to send a group e-mail with a specific list of topics to which we could reply in ONE email each? I think we have done something like that in the past.

Bill Mayo made the following comment: I just realized that I have been missing a lot of the posts on the Google site. I now have a better understanding after looking at the emails in Outlook Express.

Bill Mayo made a motion at 7:12 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned and that we have a regular board meeting next month. We had some confusion from other members as to whether the meeting was over or still going. We had our last entry made at 9:26 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Mary Leonard Martin

Recording Secretary