

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes Monday, June 20, 2011

President Tina Chatham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Thirteen BAGS members were present at the meeting: Jeanine Lawrence, Tina Chatham, Neil Misrendino, Melodey Hauch, Claudia Grafton, Alice Braud-Jones, Mary Martin, Loren Martin, Lynn Finger, Bill Mayo, Susie Ganch, Paula Sinning, and Eleanor Caldwell.

Jeanine Lawrence read from Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23; she led us in a prayer.

Alice Braud Jones moved that we accept the May Board Meeting Minutes as corrected by e-mail. Claudia Grafton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bill Mayo gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance on Hand as of 1 May 2011 was \$2,851.24. The Income was \$91.51. It was from from Membership Dues \$25.00; Basket Donations \$8.51; *Quarterly* Sales \$38.00; and New Member Handouts \$20.00. The Expenses were \$134.62. This was from Copy Doctor – April *Newsletter* \$4.32; UBC Room Set-Up & Projector Rental \$80.00; UBX Food Service \$8.50; Copy Doctor – April General Meeting Handouts; \$25.00; May Guest Speaker Ann Becker \$25.00 for a Total Expense of \$134.62. This left a Balance on Hand as of 31 May 2011 of \$2,808.13. The total value of the Certificates of Deposit is \$6,303.34. No interest was paid during the month of May. Bill is looking for better opportunities on CD interest. **ACTION: The Budget for next year is coming up. Please send Bill your budget via e-mail. Bill will not be at the next board meeting. We need to have the budget done in July because it will be voted on in August.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Jeanine Lawrence, Meeting Room Chairman, reported that at the May Society Meeting, we had 59 people present (53 members and 6 visitors). This is the highest attendance that we have had since January. We had 13 members at the May Board Meeting.
2. Melodey Hauch, *Quarterly* Editor, reported that the *June Quarterly* is at the printers. The cost of it will be \$283.50. It will be 48 pages long; this is the most expensive *Quarterly* that we have ever had printed. The annual budget for the *Quarterly* is \$1,200.00. Melodey has one article for the September *Quarterly*, so she needs more articles.
3. We have not had Beginning Genealogy classes. We need to do something for basic genealogy. Carolyn Hellen used to do a class on organizing. Claudia emphasized that we need to pay attention to this, so we won't lose our status.
4. Susie Ganch, Vice-President in Charge of Programs has speakers, and she has the name of a speaker who does DNA. In August, for the annual "Show and Tell Pot-Luck Supper" meeting, the board agreed to spend about \$150.00 on the barbeque meat.
5. Resa Hennings, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, sent an e-mail message that Rose Aulenbacher cannot take the Second Vice-President position. Resa has tried to get someone else, and she has been unsuccessful. After we had discussion, Susie Ganch said that she would take Second Vice-President again if she had a committee to help her get

speakers and if she could give up working on the *Yearbook*. She has a conflict at the time that she would need to put the *Yearbook* together. Neil Miserendino consented to putting the *Yearbook* together again. Claudia volunteered to help Susie get speakers, and Tina said that she would introduce the speakers if she was needed to do so. Claudia will present the slate of officers at the June Society meeting. The officers will take over their new positions at the September meeting after they are sworn in.

6. Lynn Finger, Corresponding Secretary, sent a card
7. Alice Braud-Jones reported that her DAR tour bus for the Co-Cathedral is full. BAGS members are invited for another bus that will be going to see the painted churches in Schulenburg on September 20th. She has a 38 passenger bus, and the cost is \$25.00 per person. She has another bus scheduled for August 24th that she will let BAGS have to go to the Clayton Library which is a 24 passenger bus.
8. Neil Miserendino, Cemetery Transcribing Chairman, reported that Tammy and Resa are moving forward on the transcribing the cemetery information into documentation for the Quarterly.
9. Claudia Grafton asked if BAGS had received information for the TSGS November conference in the mail; BAGS has received nothing yet.
10. Mary Martin, County Coordinator, reported that we had 13 people go on the county bus to the Clayton Library on Wednesday, June 4. Three of them were new people who had never gone with us on the county bus before. Twenty-eight dollars was sent to the East Harris County Senior Citizens for their program. The next bus trip is on Wednesday, July 6. The other trips scheduled are: Wednesday, August 3, and Wednesday, September 14.
11. Bill Mayo, candidate for next BAGS President asked the following people if they would chair committees: Melodey Hauch will do one more year of the Quarterly; Leslee Fehlman, Hospitality; Lynn Finger, Historian; we need a new Sergeant-at-Arms; we need someone for Member Services; Jeanine will be the Meeting Room Coordinator; we need a Telephone Committee Chairman; Mary Martin will continue as County Coordinator; and possibly Marie Krnavek will continue to be the Welcoming Committee Chairman; Neil Miserendino will continue as E-mail chairman. The other positions are: Finance Committee; Librarian; Newsletter; Photographer; Publicity Chairman; and Webmaster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Susie Ganch reported that Frank Roth passed away; his wife also died recently.
2. The League City "Ghost Tour" will be the last weekend in October on the 29th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alice Braud-Jones reported that Dick Eastman who is a speaker that we had a year ago issued a challenge to find verifiable unmarked graves by dowsing. He would come down to a selected cemetery and invite professional dowsers to find graves. Alice recommended the Fairview Cemetery in League City. Melodey Hauch was contacted as was the League City Historical Society who are also interested in participating. The Clayton Library Friends said that they would co-sponsor this program. Claudia Grafton and Melodey will meet with Dick Eastman and Catherin Lewis of the League City Historical Society. The Clayton Library Friends will donate

up to \$1,500.00 for this program. Mr. Eastman will need a rental car and a food budget; he lives in Maine, but his travel is covered. If Mr. Eastman [approves the location](#), it will be on Saturday, October 15. Detailed Board discussion followed. [In the event of rain](#), League City Historical Society has a tent that can be used. Susie Ganch can provide a pop up awning. We could get tremendous publicity for BAGS by co-sponsoring this project. There was discussion about food; Claudia didn't think that we should [advertise](#) free food, [although there will be food at no charge](#).

This could be promoted as BAGS October meeting. The question was raised about how many dowers would attend this program. Bill Mayo said that the Cemetery Preservation Group had something similar to this; everyone on the Texas Preservation List was invited to that event. Because it is going to be a challenge, awards [may be](#) presented to the ones who found the most graves. [Dick Eastman will be staying at the guest house of Catherin](#) Lewis who is the director of the museum. When Mr. Eastman makes a decision, we need to move forward. Alice Braud-Jones made a motion to support this program to [a BAGS expenditure of up to \\$1,000.00](#). Susie Ganch seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor of the motion; the motion passed. Bill Mayo will put this amount in the budget for next year.

President Tina Chatham adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin

Recording Secretary

Kim Zrubek sent this comment to the Minutes of June 24. Personally, I think that it is a great idea! Mary Martin

Re: comment in the minutes about BAGS needing to host a beginners genealogy class...

Have you considered adding a 5 minute teaching or Q&A element before or after the program at the general meeting? For Q&A, each month the President would accept one research question from an attending member where suggestions/leads/possibles/answers would come from the entire group. An acceptable answer would be to point the researcher to another member that has the experience and time to help which could come from the membership spreadsheet. Otherwise, a 5 minute teaching moment could be the "...did you know about this resource....".

Kim Z.