

## Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes Monday, July 21, 2014

President Shirley Lindquist called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The following members attended the meeting-

- **Elected Officers:** Shirley Lindquist, Melodey Hauch, Loren Martin, and Kim Zrubek.  
*Absent:* Annette Bowen, Deborah Gammon, Bob Wegner.
- **Committee Chairs and Appointees:** Nick Cimino, Polly Swerdlin, *Absent:* Linda Carrington, Eleanor Caldwell, Patsy Chappelle, Marie Krnavek, Mary Martin, Neil Miserendino, Lynn Finger, Bettejean Spatafore (Please note spelling of her name).
- **Non-Voting Attendees:** Bill Mayo
- A quorum was met by having at least four elected officers at the meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

- June 2014 Board Meeting Minutes-Approved with no corrections.
- Treasurer's report-Loren Martin- See report via email. We have exceeded the planned deficit. We are expecting membership renewal revenue in July and August. Loren passed out budget. The line item for the August Buffet was increased to \$250 which increased the planned deficit to \$591. A motion was submitted to approve budget as amended by Melodey and seconded by Polly with unanimous approval by the board.
- Job Openings: Shirley reminded everyone of the need for a back-up to the Recording Secretary and for a Journal Editor.
- Membership Committee Status Report- See attached minutes of July 2, 2014 meeting. The committee established a Mission Statement as follows: Recommend actions to increase participation by BAGS members and growth in BAGS membership. Ideas discussed at the meeting included surveys, classes, feedback forms, publicity, workshops, Journal articles, record indexing, working with Clayton Library, telephone committee, identify non-attending members, budget reserves to support programs, video conferences, DVDs, promote Journal, establish Facebook presence, scholarships to attract young members, and Hospitality chairperson duties. The next meeting is scheduled August 7 at 6 PM at Helen Hall Library.
- Change in Webmaster- Polly Swerdlin gave a presentation on the changes in progress for the website. Polly will submit the latest changes to the Board through email for their feedback.
- Mentoring Committee- The new Mentoring Committee is currently composed of Nick Cimino, Kim Zrubek and Bob Wegner. The first mentoring session will be held in four 15 minute sessions prior to the September General Meeting. One person has signed up. Nick will announce the sessions at the General Meeting in July and Bob Wegner will announce in August. An outline of the session will be distributed soon.
- October Meeting Dates- The meeting dates were changed to avoid conflict with Halloween to October 20 for the Board Meeting and October 24 for the General Meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Speaker Program- Kim Zrubek reviewed the upcoming speaker schedule for the General Meetings as follows: August- Annual Show and Tell, September- Gay Carter, retired UHCL Government Documents Librarian, October- WWI Reenactor Kevin Burke gives a presentation on the U.S. Doughboy 1917-1919.
- Newsletter Message for August- Shirley Lindquist expressed her thanks for the past volunteers and is seeking another volunteer for August.
- Membership Renewals and New Members- Bob Wegner submitted a written report. Total members: 168 including 93 Family, 74 Single and 1 Library. Total New Members: 35 including 16 Family and 19 Single. Total June 2014 Memberships: New Members: 5. No Members renewed or withdrew in June 2014. The new members are: 1) Darleen Grandison (SM); 2) Thomas R. Hill (FM); 3) William Henry King III (SM); 4) Laura R. McKensie (SM); and 5) Judy Wright (SM).
- Surname and Geographical Area Lists- Bill Mayo discussed the value of publishing the surnames and geographic areas of interest to our members. He showed an example of a past publication. It was also discussed that this was good information to publish in the newsletter.
- August General Meeting, Show & Tell, Potluck Dinner- The budget was increased to \$250 due to running out last year and increased cost of meat. Leslee Fehlman is in charge of the setup of tables and supplies including cups, plates, napkins, etc. The newsletter and email should remind members of the need to bring side dishes.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Corresponding Secretary- Annette Bowen reported to Shirley by email that there was nothing to report.
2. County Coordinator Report –Loren Martin reported for Mary Martin that we took a trip to the Clayton Library on Wednesday, July 9, 2014. Ten people went on this trip. The group collected \$20.00 to send to East Harris County Senior Citizens for their programs. The next BAGS trip to the Clayton Library will be on Tuesday, September 23. We will select two bus trips on August 5, and we will select a third trip on August 12 for the next 6 months starting in October 2014 through March 2015.
3. Dropbox- Bill Mayo found cost information for additional storage at \$9.95 per month for 2 GB. Consensus of the board was that the cost was too high and that other options should be explored.
4. Education- Melodey Hauch reported that our third SIG will be African- American Genealogy on August 7, September 4 and October 2 at 10:30 AM at Friendswood Library. Nick has seven handouts left over from the previous sessions. Kim agreed to make more handouts as needed. A new SIG on German Genealogy is being planned for January 2015.
5. Member Services- already discussed above
6. Pedigree Charts- Eleanor Caldwell absent
7. Quarterly/Journal- Polly will hand out the last Quarterly to those who missed the June meeting. The first Journal will be completed in time for the September meeting. Melodey will begin publishing on the smaller Galveston county cemeteries starting with

Serbian Orthodox, Galveston and Friends Church Cemetery in Friendswood. We need more articles. Nick offered the use of his blog posts at [www.ancestorpuzzles.blogspot.com](http://www.ancestorpuzzles.blogspot.com).

## **OTHER ITEMS**

1. FGS Conference- Polly and Melodey are working on the display for our table in the Society Hall.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nick Cimino*