

Bay area Genealogical Society

Board Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2014

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board meeting for October was called to order by Shirley Lindquist at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were: Shirley Lindquist, Melodey Hauch, Annette Bowen, Deborah Gammon, Bob Wegner, Loren Martin, Neil Miserendino, Loren Martin, Polly Swerdlin, Eleanor Caldwell, Bill Mayo, Bettejean Spatafore, Betty Wegner and Nick Cimino. A quorum was met.

The September 2014 Board meeting minutes were approved as written.

Loren Martin gave the monthly Treasurer's and Financial reports.

The balance on hand as of 30 Sep 2014 was \$4, 861.15. The biggest part came from membership income of \$695.00. There were donations of \$337.60. A complete report was emailed to all board members and will be filed with the minutes. We are starting the year with a surplus and are in good financial standings.

Polly Swerdlin and Bob Wegner gave the Status of "New Membership, Ad hoc Committee". Polly read the report which is filed in completion with the minutes. It is hoped that we can get other members involved by committee chair. There was much discussion as to who was to implement the findings of the Ad hoc committee. A party will be held for membership in January, 2015.

Bob Wegner made a motion that we create a select board committee to execute the recommendations of the Ad hoc committee to increase the participation of the membership. Loren seconded the motion.

Kim has volunteered to be on committee as well as Bob. Shirley will be on said committee as well. But Shirley is not allowed to be on the committee because she is the President. The motion passed.

Bob and Kim will report on their findings at the next board meeting.

The complete report of the Ad Hoc Committee will be filed with the minutes.

Nick Cimino gave report on the Mentoring Committee. He noted that 6 people participated in mentoring at last meeting. He wasn't finished by the start of the general meeting. There were technical difficulties. But feedback was good. Nick plans to follow up with the people. He did realize that the best time to mentor is not before the general meetings, not enough time. The concept was good, though. He is reconsidering scheduling and format and maybe would like to try a Saturday morning. His people came unprepared. Needs to give the people a list of what to bring to mentoring times.

Surnames and Geographical Areas List report was presented by Bill Mayo.

Bill believes that the surname list should be in two parts: part 1 should be the surname and part 2 should be the geographical area of study. It needs to be kept simple and discussion was about putting it on the website. Polly made motion that Bill Mayo start effort to create surname and geographical database being a digital pdf. Bob seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Nick reported on special interest groups. On September 27, 2014 he made presentation at the 1867 Settlement celebration in Texas City. Nick found it interesting because he presented to children for the first time. He had a very interested teacher from a charter school and he thinks that making connections with charter schools could be a way of proceeding. There was discussion about trying to reach out to schools and getting children involved with genealogy. On October 2, they did their last session for the beginning African American genealogy at the Friendswood library. George Allen the president of the African American Historical and Genealogical Society came and gave a presentation about historical context as it relates to African American research. Nick is reviewing notes and formulating plan on a German SIG. Kim is going to be surveying for additional SIG topics and speaker topics.

NEW BUSINESS:

Speaker program

Kim Zrubek sent an email to board members and it will be included with the minutes. There was no discussion.

Next topic was the President's message for next newsletter. Betty Wegner will be writing that.

Registrar's Report was given by Bob Wegner. Renewal list and attendance list were emailed to board members and will be filed with the minutes. The membership is holding steady. One third of membership never come. Eleanor agreed to call Ray Brown, one of the elderly members who came with a former member who moved out of town to see if he needs help coming to meetings. Six charter members have not renewed. He asked Polly of member services to call them and see how they are doing. Nick mentioned that Sue Yerby has not renewed. Loren agreed to approach Sue about her membership. One of the Members 1st Campaign is to make the members feel that we care about them. The complete Registrar's report that was emailed to board members will be filed with the minutes.

Status of 2014-2015 Yearbook. Patsy Chappelle was not in attendance. Shirley will call her soon to check on that status as Patsy has been ill.

Registrar and Welcoming Chairman Job Descriptions reported on by Melodey Hauch and Bob Wegner. The written reports will be filed with the minutes.

Freeman Library Display report was given by Polly Swerdlin.

Laura Smith at Freeman Library said they would like to keep the display November 10-December 31.

BAGS History by Lynn Finger who was not present.

An update of the history of BAGS is wanted by the board. Shirley will call Lynn Finger to bring history up to date. Nothing has been written since 2005. Shirley agreed to write up her administration. Bill agreed to write up his administration. Melodey gave Polly the history to go on the website.