

Board Meeting
Bay Area Genealogical Society
March 23, 2015

Bay Area Genealogical Society's board met on Monday, March 23, 2015 at UBC with President, Shirley Lindquist, Melodey Hauch, Kim Zrubek, Deborah Gammon, Annette Bowen, Loren Martin, Bob Wegner, Eleanor Caldwell and Polly Swerdlin present. A quorum was met. The meeting began at 6:41 p.m.

The minutes of the February Board meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve was made by Bob Wegner and seconded by Polly Swerdlin.

Loren Martin, Treasurer gave the monthly financial report. Our expenses have been twice our income. We have balance of \$4,671.13 and CD balance is \$3,735.00. We are below budget because we cut back on expenses. Last month \$500.00 was approved to use for the Trevia Wooster Beverly seminar in July. A complete report was emailed to secretary and will be filed with minutes. Report will be filed for audit.

Nick Cimino gave the status of SIG programs and education. Thursday, March the 19th, the second Beginning Genealogy program was given at Friendswood Library. The speaker was Irene Walters. We had over 50 participants. There were 32 visitors and 19 BAGS members present. We did publicize this program more than the first one so that could be one of the reasons for the increase in attendance. We received evaluations from the participants and they were mostly favorable. There was a German SIG on March 21, Saturday at 1 p.m. Thirty six people attended. There was one complaint that Nick talked too long and 1 that the mentoring was unorganized.

The SIG locations have been changed and the time also changed. The new time is 2 p.m. and the new location is 416 Morningside Dr., Friendswood at the Activity building.

Shirley asked if the upcoming SIGS would be the same format as the last ones. There was discussion of how to get the speaker to stay on time and task so that mentoring can be done better. There was discussion of having a program and then the next week having the mentoring session. But, it is very difficult to get volunteers and that can be difficult to split the sessions or SIGS. More discussion on SIGS at next board meeting.

Nick has been in contact with the German Texas Heritage Society's Liz Hicks and she is a possible speaker in the future.

Nick does not have any programs on the calendar beyond May 30th.

Shirley was curious if we could have summer programs and if we would have participation in the summer. Bob Wegner suggested we concentrate on the July 11th seminar with Trevia Wooster Beverly. There was more discussion on summer activities and Nick suggested we wait until September or October to continue with the SIG programs. There was much discussion about expanding the mentoring aspect of the programs.

Polly Swerdlin gave the Website status update. Polly gave a display of the new site for BAGS. The password for the Board to access the files was given, too. If you need the password, please contact Polly. The treasurer's files are too big for the new site, but the files can be divided and then added to new site. It is planned to remove all files from Dropbox and then do away with using Dropbox. Shirley asked about the brochure on the new site and gave some suggestions about that and requested that the Library display note on the site be removed and possibly add the Clayton trips. Bob asked about the email addresses and Polly asked for other suggestions from the Board.

Bob Wegner gave the update of the Members First Committee.

They have had 2 calling campaigns. There was only moderate success to get people to join BAGS with the calling campaign. 4 people renewed but 30 didn't. He asked the Board to give suggestions as to whom in the organization to target to get volunteers for the committee.

Loren also said that we need a calling committee. Bob did give a new members name who is interested on working on the phone or calling committee.

Bob made a motion for the Board to identify members for volunteers for committees. Loren seconded and motion passed. Loren asked what the board is actually going to do. So, each individual board member is to report at next board meeting on suggestions to get members on the calling and Members First Committee. It was also brought to the board's attention that we will very soon have to have a nominating committee.

Kim Zrubek gave the Programming report. The March presentation is "A Harvest of Land is a Bounty of Records" by Jeannette Piecznski. Kim needs a \$30.00 check for the speaker and Loren gave that check to Kim at meeting. Kim requested that the agenda for Friday's program have the next month's speaker and program listed on said agenda. Shirley wishes to use the President's message paragraphs in the newsletter to be "research stories or tips". She will write this message for the April newsletter.

A complete Programming report was submitted by Kim and will be filed with the minutes.

Melodey Hauch gave the BAGS Journal report. The new Journal is ready for distribution and will be handed out at the General Meeting this Friday. While she was out of town at a funeral the color for the cover was picked and it is white. A new color will be picked after the September issue is finished.

New Business

Bob Wegner gave the membership, renewals and new members report. BAGS has gained 6 new members which broke down into 4 renewals and 2 new members. This makes a total of 162 members. Kim requested something to put in newsletter about membership and Bob will give her something for next newsletter. A complete report was given to secretary and will be filed with the minutes.

Shirley asked about the materials in the closet. Polly said that she is willing to start scanning things in closet so that the actual paper products can be disposed. Melodey mentioned that some of the items are past Quarterlies and she will put them out for members to take at the upcoming meetings. There is an insert that will be available for the Yearbook and Kim agreed to copy the insert. We hope to eventually be paperless.

Bob will return the nametags that he borrowed for the Genealogy program in Friendswood.

Bob made a motion that the telephone chairman to be a separate standing committee. Loren seconded and motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annette Bowen gave the Corresponding Secretary report. She sent notes to the speaker and cards to the visitors from last month.

County Coordinator Report was given by Loren Martin for Mary Martin. On Tuesday, March 10, 11 members of BAGS went to Clayton Library on a Harris County bus. \$32.00 was collected to send to East Harris County's senior citizen's program. Next bus trips will be Thursday, April 16, Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, September 17. A complete report will be filed with the minutes.

Pedigree Charts. Eleanor Caldwell will give the 2 charts that she has to Melodey. She will return the files that she has. Eleanor resigned from the board to be immediate.

OTHER ITEMS

Publicity Bettejean was not present.

Bob read a statement in By-laws about the fact that Board Members are required to attend Board meetings. There was discussion on how to get board members to attend.

Melodey reported on the health of Deborah Cole and said that she has improved greatly.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Deborah C. Gammon