

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
JUNE 22, 2015

President, Shirley Lindquist called the meeting to order at 6:35. Attending were Shirley Lindquist, Melodey Hauch, Nick Cimino, Garry Garrett, Polly Swerdlin, Bob Wegner, Bettejean Spatafore, Deborah Gammon, and Bill Mayo. A quorum was met.

The May Board meeting minutes were approved as written.

Loren Martin, our treasurer was absent but he had sent out his report to all board members. After talking about the budget that had been emailed, Bill Mayo suggested that we up the August buffet expenses to \$250.00 because of the high price of beef and we always buy brisket. Polly made the motion that we raise the budget for the August buffet to \$250.00. Bob seconded the motion. There was more discussion as to the menu items that we as a club purchase. The motion was passed.

The complete Treasurer's Report will be filed with the minutes.

Bob Wegner reported on the nominating committee. The nominating committee has selected Loren Martin as President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Bob Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Kim Zrubek, Treasurer, Bill Mayo, Corresponding Secretary, Judy Wright and Registrar, Bob Wegner. Still needed are a recording Secretary and assistant to that position. Bill Mayo questioned whether Bob could hold 2 positions on the board and discussion followed with members checking the yearbook for advice from the by-laws. The President had questions about whether the nominating committee was jumping the gun by publishing that only 2 positions were needed in the newsletter. The President will discuss the printing of newsletter with its editor, Kim. After much discussion Bob withdrew his name as 1<sup>st</sup> VP and it was decided that the President will announce at the General Meeting on Friday for nominations from the floor and that all positions are still open. She will lead the announcement about needing new blood as several board members felt that the board is just recycling officers. Bill also suggested that next year, the board should take a long look at the by-laws and see how officers can be condensed for instance only having one VP and one secretary. That is yet to be decided with next board.

Education Committee report was made by Nick Cimino. There has been one SIG session that was presented on Saturday, May 30 at the Friendswood Activity Building. Forty-seven people attended. Gay Carter has agreed to present a case study on German genealogy in September. Bob as part of the Members First Committee has requested that there be mentors available to the people attending the July Seminar with Trevia Wooster Beverly. Ms. Beverly is due to complete her program at 2 p.m. and Bob suggested that the mentors help people from 2-4 p.m. There will be wifi available. Nick will see if he can get some mentors to volunteer to do as requested.

Kim is organizing the food for the event. Shirley brought up that in the past we have always had box lunches and made money on the box lunches. She will speak to Kim and see how this part of the seminar is being arranged.

Polly Swerdlin gave a report on the Website update. Polly has scanned all paper documents back to the year 2006 and is working back to 2001. She stated that all these documents will be available online to members. They are being held on Dream Host. We no longer have Dropbox. Dream Host is backed up every 2 weeks. She thanked Garry Garrett. He has been a big help to her. The remaining out of date yearbooks will be shredded. The passwords for Dream Host are TBG824 and the member's page password is ancestor.

Bob Wegner's report for Members First Committee: Forty-seven attended the last SIG and received 15 positive feedback forms. There were 4 new members who joined on the day of the last SIG. He thanked the mentors who were: Gay Carter, Nick Cimino, Melodey Hauch, Bill Mayo and Kim Zrubek.

The next BAGS Member Get-together is scheduled for June 24, 2015. He has hopes to do another get-together in July. A complete report will be filed with the minutes.

Kim was not in attendance and emailed a report to the board members. Bob will talk to her Wednesday about the issues that were raised about the food for the seminar.

Melodey Hauch made a BAGS Journal report. She is planning to have another Journal ready for the September meeting. She has had a request from someone to purchase a copy of the BAGS Quarterly from September 2002 and the officers agreed that she could sell him one and the cost would be \$5.00.

Bettejean thanked Melodey for printing her article on her Butts ancestry and for the copies of the Journal that she distributed at her recent family reunion.

Bill Mayo's report on the Surname list is that the surnames are on the website and he will not update the list until after the September meeting. Bob has made an email list and a phone number list.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bob Wegner, registrar gave the report on membership. As of June 22, 2015, BAGS has 185 members. We have had 8 new people join BAGS since last Board meeting. Shirley congratulated Bob on a job well done. A complete typed report will be filed with the minutes.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corresponding secretary, Annette Bowen reported that she sent a letter to last month's speaker and to the 3 visitors who all joined. And she had sent 1 get well card.

#### County Coordinator Report

Mary Martin was not in attendance but it was reported that BAGS does have one Clayton Trip scheduled for July 15, 2015.

Polly gave report on Member Services. She presented Bob with 8 new member folders. She will make more. She is also doing badges. She received an email from someone about the BAGS homepage and how this person is using the BAGS homepage to teach children genealogy. And the person gave Polly a suggested page. It is [www.Homeadvisor.com](http://www.Homeadvisor.com). This page has lots of good links on it. There has been one new member requesting a ride to the meetings and the call for someone to give him a ride was met by another new member.

Garry Garrett gave the pedigree chart report. Garry had lots of questions about the pedigree charts. He has taken over the job from Eleanor Caldwell. He asked if there is a template for making the charts for the Journal or publication. Melodey used Family Tree Maker in making the charts but they have to be retyped anyway so he can use whatever works for him. He asked about how he decides whose chart is placed in the Journal and it was decided that he picks and chooses whomever he wishes.

Bill made a motion that the previously published 5 generation charts that have been published to be put on the BAGS webpage under the members only section. Bob seconded and the motion passed. Pedigree charts will not be put in newsletter. There is also to be a list of charts that have already been published to be put on the webpage. Melodey would like a pedigree chart for the upcoming Journal that will be published in September.

Publicity report was made by Bettejean. She has sent out information to the Bay Area printing publications for the July meeting and the July seminar.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Respectively submitted,

*Deborah Gammon*