



# Bay Area Genealogical Society

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### August 2015

When: August 24, 2015 Monday 6:30 pm

Where: University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook, Houston; Room EB-205

#### Attendees:

Shirley Lindquist, President

~~Melody Hauch, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President~~

Kim Zrubek, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Loren Martin, Treasurer

Deborah Gammon, Recording Secretary

Annette Bowen, Corresponding Secretary

Bob Wegner, Registrar

Bill Mayo

Nick Cimino

Polly Swerdlin

Lisa Smith

Kathie Chaffee

Neil Miserendino

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:35 p.m. by President Lindquist.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting Minutes: Secretary Deborah Gammon presented the July 2015 Meeting Minutes, which were accepted by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Martin reported an account balance of \$4611.87 with income in July of \$105.00 and expenses of \$472.48, most of which were for the symposium by Trevia Wooster Beverly in July. End of month showed a balance of \$4244.39. August's Show and Tell and \$110.00 for printing checks will lower that amount, but BAGS should still be under budget by year end. Current treasurer will be submitting fiscal year-end report in September. The current board remains in place until September.

Nominating Committee: Bob Wegner reported that there were no new nominations for board members. Formal minutes will need to be taken during the August General Meeting despite it being a pot luck show and tell. Bob will announce the nominees and accept any new nominations from the floor, then President Lindquist will call for a vote. Voting is done by raised hand. (Nominating Committee report attached)

Members 1<sup>st</sup> Committee, Luncheons: Bob Wegner reported that BAGS is spearheading the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS) award nomination for Volunteer of the Year, our candidate is Nick Cimino. BAGS has been collecting recommendations and documentation and will submit in binder form as well as electronically in PDF format to TSGS president for presentation to the state. Deadline is September 15, though BAGS hopes to submit by September 1.

Next new members luncheon/brunch will be held at Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the "Egg and I" (557 Bay Area Boulevard, Houston, TX 77058). Invitations were sent via e-mail on August 19. Some new members have already responded they will attend.

At the last luncheon, members talked about increasing programming options. One suggestion was to increase pot luck dinners to two or more per year. Right now there is one in August and a holiday party. Suggestion was made to have one in February and one in May (one per quarter). President Lindquist called for discussion on this. The church charges more if there is food. However, it is an opportunity for



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members to converse more and socialize. Another suggestion was to have workshops/roundtables once per month with 1<sup>st</sup> half hour presenting beginner type information and the remainder hour and a half set for tutoring/mentoring by experienced members. These would be in addition to SIG meetings.

Education Programs: Nick Cimino and Kim Zrubek have come up with a plan to provide education workshops. Two German SIGs are planned, the first is set for Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 2-4 p.m. at the Freeman Library (Gay Carter presenting be a German case study.) Another is set for Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 2-4 p.m. at the Freeman Library with a TBD program (discussing Gus Hines or Liz Hicks). Discussion is being held for members-only events/workshops on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays of each month, beginning September 11, 2015 at 2-4 at TBD location (possibly UBC). This would include two rooms with first ½ hour spent on beginner topics and techniques and the next 1-1½ hours spent mentoring for specific member needs.

Website: Polly Swerdlin reported she had uploaded the treasurer's report. She has collected 2002 and 2001 folders and will be scanning and uploading those. Yearbooks have been scanned and will be uploaded. Quarterly journals will be kept to hand out to members or donate to Clayton Library for trade with other libraries. Newsletters are all up on the web page and physical copies can be shredded.

There was an issue with the server, though it was resolved by the time of this meeting. E-mails were stacking up, but the technician corrected that by checking a box for options to trash emails over five days old.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Membership, Renewals and New Members: Membership was reported by Bob Wegner as 202 members, an increase of 2 members since July. 35 new memberships for 2014-2015, 15 renewals so far for 2015-2016 (full registrar's report attached.) A lively discussion was had regarding the \$10 discount for new members in the last quarter (June, July, August). If someone signs up in August at the discounted rate, do they then need to pay \$20 in September to renew? The answer is yes, but the registrar has discretion. The discount is an incentive for new members, but most people would wait until September to sign up and pay the full price rather than pay an extra \$10 for one month's membership. The decision was to make it clear to new members joining during the August general meeting as to beginning and end of the membership year. The result is that they would have a choice to pay the discounted rate or wait to join in September and pay the full year rate.

August "Show & Tell" and Potluck Buffet: Kim Zrubek reports the chapel is all set for the August Show and Tell, and Bill Mayo confirmed the BBQ meat order (\$210.00) will be ready for pickup at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29, 2015. Bill mentioned sending a reminder e-mail to members to bring side dishes. Nick gave a shout out to the Telephone Committee for calling new members to remind them of the Show and Tell.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Corresponding Secretary (Annette Bowen) Annette sent cards to visitors and a thank you note to Mike McCown, who presented at last month's general meeting. She also sent a get-well card to Leslee Fehlman for her illness/surgery.



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County Coordinator Committee (Mary Martin) Loren Martin reported that there are four bus trips scheduled to the Clayton library: Thursday September 17, Thursday October 8, Wednesday January 20, 2016 and Wednesday March 2, 2016.

Member Services Committee (Polly Swerdlin): Polly reported she will look for more folders for membership packets.

Newsletter Committee (Kim Zrubek): Kim will attempt to work on the newsletter in November or December.

Pedigree Charts Committee (Garry Garrett): Polly reported for Garry that he has put 17 members' 5-generation pedigree charts on the website and will keep uploading as time allows.

Telephone Committee (Kathie Chaffee): Loren Martin recognized Kathy as our new Telephone Committee chair and Nick Cimino reiterated his kudos to Kathy for calling new members. Kathy did not have anything to report.

#### OTHER ITEMS

Publicity (Neil Miserendino): Neil has signed up to continue working on this for September and October while Bettejean Spatafore recovers from surgery. He hopes to demonstrate at the general meeting what the job entails so people may volunteer.

Shirley asked Bill about taking a picture of the full current board at the next board meeting. He will bring his tripod and set up in the great room after the meeting.

Shirley mentioned that the Historian, Lynn Finger, has not been doing her job, has not been answering phone calls or emails, yet still retains the materials and scrapbook. Discussion was had on how to retrieve those items from Lynn. Shirley will call and Bill will attempt to go to her house this week. Another suggestion was to ask her to bring them to the Show and Tell this Friday, then keep possession of them.

**ADJOURNED:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Smith  
(Incoming) Recording Secretary