

Bay Area Genealogical Society
Board Meeting
January 22, 2018
University Baptist Church EB 105
16106 Middlebrook, Houston, TX

Attendees:

Nick Camino, President	Kim Zubrek, Education
George Porterfield, 1 st Vice President	Melodey Hauch, Journal
Susie Ganch, 2 nd Vice President	Amanda Pearson, Members Services, Ride-Share
Teresa Rundell, Corresponding Secretary	Terri Myers, Publicity
Bob Wagner, Registrar	Polly Swerdlin, Web Editor
Bill Mayo, Treasurer	

Meeting called to order at 6:34 by Nick Camino, President

Recording secretary, Kathie Chaffe, was not present so Teresa volunteered to take minutes for the Board Meeting and Polly volunteered for the general meeting. Nick called for corrections and additions to the last Board and General Meeting minutes. Since none were heard the minutes stand approved as published by Kathie.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Bill Mayo. He explained that since a meeting was not held in December, the report was the same as the reporting in November. He shared the following totals:

Checking Account (as of 31 October 2017) - \$5,970.01

Income Deposited - \$396.50

Total Expenses - \$439.58

Checking Account (as of 30 November 2017) \$5926.93

Certificate of Deposit CD 1335

Value as of 31 October 2017- \$3816.27 Interest Credited- 13 November 2017

Value as of 30 November 2017- \$3819.96

Inventory of BAGS Items- \$1860.00

Registrar Member's Report was reviewed by Bob Wegner and included the following totals:

Members renewed to date (2017-18): 89

Members not renewed to date (2017-18): 69

New membership (2017-18): 5

Members who have volunteered during 2017-18 fiscal year: 8

Members who donated during current 2017-18 fiscal year: 8

Merchandise purchased through donation: 3 cookbooks, 48 pens

Members needing help: 5

Total number of members and visitors who attend past general meeting: 50 members and 6 visitors

Other information from Bob included the fact that information for the 2017-18 yearbook was sent to Gary Garrett.

Teresa Rundell, Corresponding Secretary, shared that sympathy cards had been sent to the family of Loren Martin and one other member. It had also been suggested that a plant be sent to the family of Mike McCown. In order to know where to send the plant Sue McCown was contacted and she indicated that because she was displaced due to Hurricane Harvey, she really did not want a plant at this time. She stated that all she really wanted a yearbook since hers was lost due to storm damage. Melodey said that she would bring one to the meeting on Saturday so it can be mailed to her along with a card.

A clarification of the Correspondence Secretary duties was requested. Other members said duties were listed on the web page.

Susie Ganch, 2nd Vice-President was asked to review the plans for the January general meeting with Franks Billingsley. Susie shared that she had discussed the arrangements with the church to make arrangements for the number of chairs and the time for the set-up. She stated that Frank wanted to arrive early enough to be able to sell his books prior to the meeting as well as after the meeting. She suggested that some people arrive at 1:00 in order to help with the set up. Bob asked if a table had been requested so Frank could set up his books and have a place to sell his books. He suggested having the table placed on the opposite where the registrar table is set up. A discussion was held about whether or not to give Frank a BAGS gift and it was agreed that he would be given a tote bag. Bob will bring it to the meeting. .

Nick Camino, President, reviewed information about the February general meeting with regards to the memorial for Loren Martin. He stated that he will share something short and Janine will also be sharing something. It was determined that we also might want to have a table with the obituaries of other members that had died recently and include their name in a Power Point presentation that would be seen prior to the meeting.

George Porterfield, 1st Vice-President, shared that he needed one more person to volunteer to help with making changes to the by-laws. He stated if he had one more person, an Ad-Hoc committee could be appointed to work on the by-laws. Bob Wegner, volunteered and Nick Camino as President appointed an Ad-Hoc committee of George Porterfield, Glen Cress and Bob Wegner to complete the changes.

Kim Zubrek, Education Committee, shared the new dates for the combined Re-Cap and Member Helping Member sessions. The meetings will be on different dates and in different locations to see if attendance improves. Only the first four months have confirmed dates and times:

Saturday, February 10 at 2:00pm in Friendswood Public Library (FamilySearch Tree problem solver)

Saturday, March 10 at 2:00pm in Friendswood Public Library (Ancestry Tree problem solver)

Sunday, April 15 at 2:00pm in Helen Hall Library (GEDMatch tools per Gale French's March presentation)

Sunday, May 20 at 2:00pm in Helen Hall Library (DAR website resources)

June and July meetings to be held in Friendswood Public Library at 7:00pm with the date TBD

August and September meetings to be held in Freeman Library at 2:00pm with the date TBD

Newsletter: Note to all Board members (Officers and Chairpersons): Information for the February newsletter needs to be emailed to bagsnews@gmail.com by Friday, Feb. 2.

January issue was distributed via email to the membership on January 16.

All meeting dates and speakers have been added to the BAGs website Meetings page

All photos received from Bill for the November 2017 Show and Tell and the December 2017 Holiday Luncheon were uploaded to the BAGS website photo album.

Polly Swerdlin, Web Editor, stated she did not have much to share. Bill asked her if it would be too much trouble to add folders on the web site to place to include the treasury report so there would be a digital record of the financial statements. Discussion was held about who would have access to the reports and what to include in the folder. It was recommended that the folder would include: treasury report, check registers, bank statements. Bill said it could be accessible to entire membership. Polly said she would look into how to do this.

Susie reviewed that all speakers had been lined up for the year with the exception of November 30th. She said her plan was to have the speakers finalized so that she could send the information to Gary so he could put the list in the yearbook.

Melodey Hauch, Journal, said she needs more articles. She currently has two articles. George asked about the deadline to submit an article. Melodey said she did not have a specific time but would like to aim for March but could wait until April if she doesn't have enough articles. George said he was working on two that might be ready.

Terri Myers, Publicity, said that she had sent notices to all the newspapers. She said some of the newspapers had published the notice about Frank Billingsley twice. She also reported that she had set up tables with BAGS information at the Helen Hall Library for their genealogy events on the first Monday of the month.

Kim shared that Jane Thompson has been volunteering on the Welcoming Committee.

Potluck dinners were discussed and agreed upon by the group that August and April would be the months for potluck dinners prior to the meeting.

Amanda Pearson, Member Services, shared that the last trip to Clayton was a success.

New Business

Talked about a seminar hosted by our Texas Bay Area Genealogy Society, Texas City Ancestry Searchers and Galveston Genealogy Society. A suggestion was made to check with other area societies to make sure a date is chosen that would not be in completion with this shared event. Venues were also discussed. Some of the suggestions included Texas City Convention Center and a place in Kemah that charged a reasonable rate. The choice of speaker still needs to be explored as top choices are expensive. One alternative was to have each of the groups to provide local speakers from their own society. It was decided that this event could be put off until next year to allow time to find a speaker and a venue.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by Nick Camino, President.

Respectively submitted

Teresa Rundell

Corresponding Secretary

