

**BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
A NON - PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
MINUTES OF 28 OCTOBER, 2001**

The meeting of the Bay Area Genealogical Society was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Carolyn Hellen at the University Baptist Church, Clear Lake City. Jeanine Lawrence opened the meeting with prayer and Sergeant-at-Arms Roy Hellen led the members in the pledge to the US Flag.

President Hellen discussed the colorful bags for use by members and officers. Each bag is labeled with the name of an officer or committee chairman and should be used as follows:

Carolyn Farmer - 1st Vice President - Surname Data Base. She needs each member's list of the surnames, places and dates of those they are researching.

Tammy Frey - Corresponding Secretary - She needs information in order to send get well, condolence, best wishes cards, etc.

Karla Chenault - Historian - She needs copies of news items mentioning the society

Mary Ann Clingan - E-mail Chairman - She needs to be updated if there are changes in a member's e-mail address in order for them to receive any notices of the meetings, etc.

Dunham Swift - Education Chairman - still needs input and ideas for use with students in area schools.

Wanda Yelverton - Decorations Chairman - needs 7 more assistants, so that there will be a member responsible for one month only.

John McCall - Librarian - Needs your five generation charts, volunteers for Clayton Library

Jeanine Lawrence - announced that there would be another bus to Clayton Library for research on Tuesday, November 13 from University Baptist Church.

Nate Grimes, - Member Participation - Needs volunteers for a 15 minute presentation at meetings on a subject of interest to members.

Kay Cherry - Newsletter Chairman - needs volunteers to help fold, staple, etc., newsletters

Carole Varnado - Newsletter Editor - needs articles of interest and queries for the newsletter.

Stephanie Struby - Web Master - site is up and running, call her with any suggestions

Resa Hennings - Quarterly Chairman - needs your suggestions and input for our publication.

There were no suggestion of other meeting places for the society, therefore we will continue to meet at University Baptist Church.

The Houston Power Card was discussed. This card for the Houston Library System will enable members to access any data base to which the Houston Library System subscribes. Members were encourage to complete and turn in their card tonight and the president will turn them in.

A trip to the Texas State Archives in Austin was announced by President Hellen on Tuesday, October 30, staying overnight and returning on Wednesday evening. She has a 15 passenger van and those interested should contact her.

There was no old business.

Jeanine Lawrence introduced the speaker, Terry Smith Bowers, District 4 Representative of the Texas State Genealogical Society. Accompanying her was Betty Hendricks Dunquez, 1st Vice President and President Elect of the TSGS. Mrs. Bowers shared information on the Texas State Genealogical Society, the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society. She discussed the merits of forming a society and advantages of becoming a partner society. Members receive the TSGS journal, *Stirpes*, as a member benefit.

Oletia Teas made a motion that the Bay Area Genealogical Society join the Texas State Genealogical Society as a partner society. Motion was seconded and passed. Treasurer Dottie Crabb then presented Mrs. Bowers with our application and check for membership as a partner society.

Treasurer Dottie Crabb presented her report. Balance on hand, October 28, 2001 was \$1,309.19 She reported that memberships had been paid for 24 family and 36 individual memberships. Neil Miserendino reported that he had collected checks for 3 family and 9 individual memberships tonight. Members took a break for delicious refreshments.

Following the break, the president thanked those members providing refreshments and said that the hospitality chairman, Leslee Feldman, would be contacting members in the future about taking their turn providing refreshments.

Dick Warren, 2nd Vice President and Program Chairman introduced Don Pusch, President of the Clayton Library Friends and Editor of the Friends newsletter who with the able assistance of Leona Cook presented the program on the 1880 US Census on CD-ROM. Members received handouts on the subject and Mr. Pusch and Leona demonstrated the

use of the program. Clayton Library has the set of CDs and he encouraged members to use them since this is the first complete index available for the 1880 census. One should then follow up by reading the actual census for more complete information.

Handouts were available on the Texas State Genealogical Society, the Houston Library Cards, the National Genealogical Society.

Nathan Grimes - Member Participation Chairman - introduced John McCall who made a brief presentation on Oral History research.

It was announced that the date for the Beginning Genealogy class had been changed to December 8, 2001, same location.

The society has a lending library and Betty Ratcliff has several books which members may borrow. If members have books that they would donate, they would be greatly appreciated.

The next meeting will be Sunday, November 25, 2001 and the program will be the preservation of records and photos.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane S. Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Diane S. Thompson, Recording Secretary

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
October 28, 2001

BALANCE ON HAND \$ 00.00

INCOME

Membership 24 @ \$ 25.00  
36 @ 20.00  
\$1320.00

TOTAL INCOME \$1,320.00

EXPENSES

RESERVE FUND \$ 200.00

Start Up Expenses

Quarterly

Newsletter Expenses:

Labels \$ 10.81

Printing

Postage

Church Use

Education

Speakers Fee

Seminar Expenses

TOTAL EXPENSES \$10.81

BALANCE ON HAND \$1,309.19