

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (BAGS)
A Non-Profit Organization
Minutes of January 27, 2002

The meeting of the Bay Area Genealogical Society was called to order on Sunday, January 27, 2002 at 5:35 p.m. by President Carolyn Hellen at 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 welcomed members and guests. She expressed thanks to Leslee Fehlman and her hosts for the evening and the delicious refreshments.

Members were reminded to turn in their five generation charts to John McCall, Librarian and send their surname lists to Carolyn Farmer, 1st Vice President.

Announcements:

The Historian needs members help in preparing the scrapbook.

Check out BAGS excellent website. Thanks to Stephanie Struby for her work. The address is www.rootsweb.com/~txbags/baygen.html

Power Cards for the Houston Library System are still available.

A Newsletter Chairman is needed immediately.

Thanks to Kay Cherry for printing the handouts which accompany the program tonight.

An informative and entertaining program was given by A. Bruce Krewinghaus, Family History Researcher and Map Collector. His topic was "How Maps Can Help in Genealogical Research" with a focus on atlases, maps and related books in the Clayton Library Collection and how they can help you find ancestors and add context to your genealogy. Mr. Krewinghaus brought many maps and atlases and used an overhead projection system to enhance his remarks. A brief question and answer period followed his presentation. During the break, many members looked at the items he brought and asked questions of our guest.

Following the break, it was announced that Resa Jennings had done the Mardi Gras decorations for the evening. She has copies of the first BAGS quarterly for members. Please pick yours up.

Secretary Diane Thompson read the minutes of the November 25, 2001 meeting. They were accepted as read.

Treasurer Dottie Crab gave her report, noting that the society has a balance on hand of \$1,630.39.

Announcements:

Neil Miserendino announced that we have 12 new members.

There will be no by-laws discussion tonight. The proposed by-laws will be printed in the next newsletter and members should make suggestions and comments to President Hellen by mail or email.

Mary Ann Clingan, society email chairmen reported that since she sends notices out by bulk email, you must have her email address in your address book or you will not receive her message.

Heritage Cookbook recipes should be sent to Carol Moody, and if it is a family recipe, tell a bit about that ancestor when you send her the recipe.

The next program will be on the Civil War and how it affected genealogy research, given by James Reed.

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.

Diane S. Thompson, Recording Secretary