

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting January 2003

The Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Hellen at 4:45 p.m.

Jeanine Lawrence opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the last Board Meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurers report: Balance as of Nov 24, 2002 is \$1,721.34/

OLD BUSINESS:

Carolyn asked that we have our pictures taken at Wal-Mart for the newsletter.

The Holiday Party was discussed. We made reservations for 102 people and only 86 attended. Carolyn will let the membership know at the January meeting that if they made reservation and did not attend we still had to pay for their plate. The final balance of the Holiday Party is a minus \$100.39.

A discussion was held about the Feb 15 Expanding Your Research Seminar to be held at University Baptist Church. Box lunches will be picked up from Jason's Deli. We will provide coffee, tea and water. Alice Jones will have a sign up sheet for registration at the Jan 26 meeting. Alice has volunteers for registration the day of the Seminar.

NEW BUSINESS

Carolyn Hellen will conduct a Class – Beginners Guide – Researching Your Family Tree on Feb 22, from 9 to 4 at South Main Baptist Church in Pasadena. Registration is \$20 for one person and \$25 for a couple.

Carolyn Hellen announced that Ralph Hall is the new chairman of the constitution and by-laws. As the by-laws now read the Historian is an elected position. Ralph Hall moved that we amend by-law IV and remove section VIII, making that position an appointed one. This will be presented to the membership at the Feb 24 general meeting.

Doug Wilson passed around a general information sheet about BAGS for new members. He was given a couple of suggestions for minor changes. A discussion followed. Doug will prepare a membership packet and bring it to the next meeting.

Leo Waltz had some questions on our web site. He will look for an easier domain name.

Ralph Hall announced that he had picked up some items that may be of some help to our members. Roy Hellen will stencil them so they don't go astray.

Alice Jones brought up the idea of the possibility of our sponsoring a National Conference. A discussion followed. Alice will check on possible places for this kind of convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Flo Cox, Recording Secretary

BAGS Meeting January 26, 2003

Meeting called to order 5:10 p.m.

Opening prayer led by Jeanine Lawrence, Pledge of Allegiance led by Roy. Hellen.

President Carolyn Hellen spoke on the following matters:

Expressed pleasure to have worked with current officers.

Board members suggested at last meeting that Historian be an appointed, not an elected position.

Expanding Your Research Skills Seminar is being prepared by Alice Jones, to be given February 15, 2003. Cost will be \$35 prepaid or \$45 at the door. This pays for the seminar, noon meal and speaker. There will be door prizes (including a three night stay at Holiday Inn in Salt Lake City - hopefully Southwest Airlines will donate air fare).

Mary Anne Clingan's genealogy group will be giving a class for beginners on February 22, 2003. The time will be 8:30 - 2:30. The cost will be \$20 for a single, \$25 for a couple and covers an 85-page workbook and lunch.

Doug Wilson has prepared a folder for visitors and new members. The folder includes a brochure, welcome page and registration form.

There are two signup sheets in the back - one for a beginner support group so beginners can ask for help, one for members to sign up as "shepherds" to help the beginners.

The surname database sold at the Galveston conference for \$10 and is available to members for \$5. This also serves as a membership book.

The holiday party was wonderful and beautiful and the speaker was very entertaining. Costs, however, exceeded income for the party. It was requested that those who made reservations but did not attend pay for their reservation as the caterer cost was based on the number of reservations made. A "hat" was passed for contributions toward paying for the holiday party.

There is a book on genealogy in the back, selling to BAGS members for \$49.95, sells elsewhere for \$59.95.

Speaker Don Pusch was announced.

Don Pusch informed the group how to get around not having the 1890 census and concluded by "plugging" Clayton Library Friends. They have a membership of 1500 and they buy new things for Clayton Library daily. The speaker entertained questions and concluded at 6:05 p.m.

Carolyn Hellen made the following announcements:

A confederacy chapter is forming here, please sign up for the UDC in the back of the room.

Nancy Earl is no longer the county coordinator.

Mary Martin is the new county coordinator.

The newsletter states the next county trip is February 19, but it will be on February 13 to Liberty County.

The library downstairs (in University Baptist Church) is open 30 minutes before each meeting and is in need of a filing cabinet.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**Minutes taken by
Donna Maloney for Flo Cox**