

## **Bay Area Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes Sunday, June 27, 2004**

President Neil Miserendino called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Jeanine Lawrence read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and 11 from the Old Testament, and she led us in a prayer.

The Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Teas, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dick Warren, Second Vice-President and Program Chairman introduced Emily Croom whose topic is: "Timely Tool for Genealogists". Timelines are an indispensable tool when confronting a "brick wall". Emily Croom has been working on genealogy for more than thirty years. She has written six books. Two of her books Unpuzzling Your Past and the Workbook and The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook were chosen by "Reader's Digest" and Book of the Month Club as their book offerings and are available in bookstores.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The next bus trip to the library is Tuesday, June 29; this trip is to the George Memorial Library in Richmond. The next trip to the Clayton Library is Tuesday, August 17. There are sign-up sheets for both trips in the back of the room.
2. There is a sign-up sheet for the ANGELINA COLLEGE GENEALOGY CONFERENCE in July if you would like to car-pool.
3. There is another edition of the Quarterly to be picked up if you have not done so.
4. Betty Dunquist is here to talk about the Federation of Genealogical Societies workshop.
5. Barbara Stanley has accepted the position of Librarian.
6. Every month we have a sign-up sheet for volunteer's to bring food for the next meeting. Please sign up and participate.
7. August is Member Presentation Month. Dick Warren talked about sharing ideas. See Dick if you have a project that you would like to share. Once we had an attorney who dressed as his ancestor who also was an attorney
8. There are openings for the Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> Scrapbooking Class with Bobbi Anastasio. The class is at 7:00 p.m. in the evening and the cost is \$20.00. The class is located at I-45 and Bay Area Blvd. It is just east of the old Target building across from the Bay Brook Mall, and it is called M & M. See Doug Wilson if you would like to sign up.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

We voted on the amendments to the By-Laws.

1. Amendment 1: Remove the membership classification of "Student". The amendment carried by a majority.
2. Amendment 2: Require the President to submit a Texas Franchise Tax Publication Information Report. The amendment carried by a majority.

3. Amendment 3: Require the Treasurer to submit a Texas Franchise Tax Report. The amendment carried by a majority.
4. Amendment 4: Remove the unnecessary use of "Director" and "at large" from the bylaws. The amendment carried by a majority.
5. Amendment 5: Change "Membership card" to "nametag". The amendment carried by a majority.
6. Amendment 6: Start the election process earlier in the year. The amendment carried by a majority.

The members of the Nominating Committee were recognized: Shirley Lindquist, Resa Hennings, Valerie Horn, Carol Varnado, and Doreen Brubaker. The nominees are: President, Ron Cox; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Loren Martin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Dick Warren; Recording Secretary, Mary Martin; Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Lindquist; Treasurer, Resa Hennings; and Registrar, Rose Mary Fritz. There were no nominations from the floor.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Neil Miserendino thanked the following people for bringing food: Barbara Stanley, Leona Cook, Dick & Glenda Warren, Geraldine Higgs, Robert Mitchell, Sharon Cress, Ann & Bill Davidson, Martha Fetterman, and Neil Miserendino.

Neil Miserendino recognized the following visitors: Janie Kennedy, Bobbie Morrison, Emily Croom & Robert Shelby, Rachel Pinto, Don Parnell, Betty Ryman, and Vivian Trahan.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Leonard Martin*

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Recording Secretary