

Bay Area Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes Sunday, July 25, 2004

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

Neil called on Jeanine Lawrence to lead us in a prayer; she read from Isaiah 43: 10-15.

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

Dick Warren talked about our August "Show and Tell" – "Pot Luck" Meeting. He suggested that we could tell about our "Slick Willie" ancestor; we could tell about where "Slick Willie" moved. Dick Warren moved a box of his mother's things to his home; Dick has made a scrapbook of the story of his family in pictures, union cards, driver's licenses, etc. He said that we could share some of our documents. Dick suggested that we could bring our favorite dish for the dinner. Dick has a sign up sheet for volunteers. Label your food as to what is in it in case someone has an allergy to certain foods. Label your dishes with your name. Dick wants to know what the Society wants in reference to programs. Send Dick an e-mail to about programs that would be of interest to you.

Dick Warren introduced the speaker, Kathryn Black Morrow whose topic was: "Seeing What Isn't There; How to Ask Questions as You Research." Ms. Morrow's master's thesis on the history of Ellington Field (Ellington Air Force Base) has appeared in segments in several of our "Quarterlies". Ms. Morrow is an historian and a genealogist with 35 years of experience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next bus trip to the Clayton Library is Tuesday, August 17. We are planning the next series of trips; let us know what trips you want. There are sign-up sheets for both.
2. Darwin Gilmore is here to talk about the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Austin, TX September 8 – 11. The next state meeting (Texas State Genealogical Society) will be in November.
3. Barbara Stanley has accepted the position of Librarian.
4. We have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring food to the next meeting. Please sign up and participate. Lee Jared is the new Hospitality Chairman.
5. Next year, we will have a group handle the "Quarterly". We need volunteers. The proposed positions are Editor, Layout, Article Collection, Proofreaders, and Typists.
6. There is a going to be a group meeting to work on scrapbooks. There is a sign-up sheet to choose the date that you are interested in. The cost is \$5.00 per person. See Doug or Polly Wilson if you are interested.
7. "We are adding a new feature to the online edition of the newsletter. The half page that is used for addressing when we send the newsletter through regular mail is not needed for the online edition. We have been filling that space with pictures. If you have a copy of an older photograph, we can use it to fill the blank. Submit

your copy with a description of the photograph and the year the picture was taken."

8. The year is coming to a close; we are in need of one member (who is not on the Board) to participate in an audit of the past year's finances. Tammy Frey volunteered.
9. August is the member presentation meeting. Please see Dick Warren to sign up or to help.
10. The Nominating Committee members are Shirley Lindquist (chairman), Resa Hennings, Valerie Horn, Carol Varnado, and Doreen Brubaker. This month, we will vote on officers for next year. There were no other nominations from the floor. The Society was in favor of the following slate of officers: President, Ron Cox; 1st Vice-President, Loren Martin; 2nd Vice-President, Dick Warren; Recording Secretary, Mary Martin; Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Lindquist; Treasurer, Resa Hennings; Registrar, Rose Mary Fritz.
11. Leave your nametags on the table when you leave.

Neil Miserendino thanked the following people for bringing food: Dottie Crabb, Ann Little, Bonnie Conrad, Lee Jared, Pat Berry, Rose Mary Fritz, Paul Sinning, Renee Ball, Emma Lou Gilmore, Bonne Cade, and Linda Goerland.

Neil Miserendino welcomed the following visitors: La Vonda Chance, Mona Ray Dickinson, and Marjorie Warehim.

We adjourned for the Social Hour at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin

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