

Bay Area Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes Sunday, January 30, 2005

President Ron Cox called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Jeanine Lawrence read from Exodus 14:29-31 and Exodus 15:1-13, & 18, and Jeanine led us in a prayer.

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

Ron Cox welcomed everyone and talked about how much fun everyone had at the Christmas Party.

Ron Cox recognized the following visitors: Floyd Martin, Lorena Martin, Chris Schillinger (Resa Hennings' sister), Nancy Henninger, Tina Fontenot, Janet Morgan, and Jean Luke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Alice Braud-Jones has rubber stamps to help you document your research. The Schooner Genealogy Co. in Abilene, KS manufactures them. Some of them are similar to information found on the 5-Generation Charts. Talk to Alice if you would like to purchase some of them.
2. Darwin Gilmore talked about the Texas First Families Book, Volume II that is now available to purchase.
3. Ron recognized the following people who brought food: Pat Bates, Gary Garrett, Margaret Mitchell, Paula Sinning, Dick Warren, Rose Ann Frazier, Mary Frederick, Diane Kropp, Kathleen McConathy, and Frank Roth.
4. On February 3, 2005, the Galveston County Genealogical Society will have Robert de Berardinis speak at 7:00 p.m. Robert de Berardinis and Marje Harris will speak at our meeting in February.
5. Doug Wilson will be the new Layout Person for the Newsletter.
6. We need a new Membership Services Chairman because Doug Wilson will be working on the newsletter. Let us know if you know someone who would be interested.
7. We need a Historian. Kathryn Black Morrow had to resign because of other commitments.
8. Alice Braud Jones talked about the Freeman Library exhibit for the month of March. Our Society will display historical and heirloom items. Get a form from Alice for each item that you intend to have on the display. It is important to catalogue each item. Bring the items to the February 27 meeting. Shirley Lindquist will get the items to the library. On March 30, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. you may pick up your items at the library. If the items are not picked up, they will be held until the April 24 meeting. Prior to February 27, a committee member will call you about what to bring. You will get a call to

- remind you to pick up your items on March 30. Shirley Lindquist said that the library cases are locked, and your items will be taken care of by the committee.
9. Susie Ganch is handing out the December Quarterly tonight. The new copy of the Yearbook is also being handed out.
 10. Look carefully at your newsletter and the website address because it has all of the information that it given here.
 11. Dick Warren talked about the Clayton Library/Houston Genealogical Forum seminars. Several of our Society members have taken the Harris County Bus or carpooled, and the bus is a lot of fun. The seminars are held at the Bayland Park Community Center every Thursday night from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. This Thursday the topic will be "New England: Introduction to Regional Research" with Loretta "Tommy" Burns. Thursday, February 10, Robert de Berardinis' topic will be "Cite Your Sources and Evidence". Thursday, February 17, Will Howard's topic will be "Using Texas Maps". Thursday, February 24, Gay E. Carter's topic will be "Government Documents in Print and Online". There will be a new series beginning in March on "Softwares to Develop Family Trees". Let Dick Warren know if you would like to attend these seminars.

We adjourned to have Dick Warren introduce the speaker, Kathryn Black Morrow whose topic was "Writing Your Family History – Beginning With the Box 'From Overwhelming Junk into a Written History'". She will show how to organize by example those lone pieces of pictures, letters, jewelry, or other memorabilia into chronological sequences and then turn them into personal stories.

After Ms. Morrow spoke, we adjourned to have the refreshment hour.

Respectfully submitted,

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