

## **Bay Area Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes Sunday, May 29, 2005**

President Ron Cox called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Jeanine Lawrence welcomed everyone to the meeting. She read from Job 23:10-12 and led us in a prayer.

Loren Martin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance due to the absence of Bill Teas, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Ron Cox read the list of visitors and had them stand to be recognized: Frances Freeman, Emily Croom (speaker) and her husband, Robert Shelby, Kathleen Maca, Dolores Merrell, Linda Powell, Melody Hauch, and Jim McLeroy.

Ron recognized the following people who provided the snack supper this evening: Leona Cook, Rose Mary Fritz, Polly Wilson, Doug Wilson, Delores White, Lee Jared, Shirley Lindquist, Shirley Hughes, Virginia Mason, Neil Miserendino, Paula Sinning, and Carole Varnado.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The Texas State Genealogical Society will hold their annual conference in Lubbock, Texas on October 21-22. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the room for anyone interested in going.
2. The next trip to the Clayton Library is on Wednesday, June 8. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the room for anyone who is interested in going.
3. The Houston Genealogical Forum and the Clayton Library Friends will present a series of seminars on "Ethnic Research" on Thursday nights at the Bayland Park Community Center. This series will start on September 15, 2005. There are flyers with registration forms in the back of the room for anyone who is interested in attending.
4. The Houston Genealogical Forum and the Clayton Library Friends will present a program about Ireland by a speaker from Ireland on October 22. It will include sources by county, Huguenots from Ireland, estate records, etc.
5. Judy Henderson will take a group of volunteers to the Harris County Archives on Wednesday, June 1. This will be the last trip before summer. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the room if you are interested.
6. We will vote for new officers; the slate of officers will be presented at the June meeting. Shirley Lindquist asked the members to contact her or Jackie Wittschen if you are interested in serving as an officer.
7. Ron had the new Historian, Carole Varnado stand up to be recognized.
8. Ron said that our Society operates successfully because of its volunteers.
9. We need a replacement for the Newsletter Editor and the Hospitality Chairman.

Ron Cox adjourned the general meeting for the program and the fellowship time.

Dick Warren, Second Vice-President and Program Chairman, introduced Emily Croom who is the author of several genealogy books. She will speak on map finding aids and the use of maps. Her lecture is entitled, "Where in the World? Using Maps in Genealogy". She will have some of her books available for purchase in the back of the room.

Respectfully submitted,

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