

Bay Area Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 31, 2006

President Loren Martin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Jeanine Lawrence welcomed everyone to the meeting and read from Mark 14:32-42 and led us in a prayer.

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

Marje Harris led us in the Texas Pledge to the Texas Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There is a "CAN DO" sign up sheet being passed around the room. Sign up for anything that you can do for the Society.
2. Resa Hennings is passing out the current "Quarterlies" and the "Yearbook".
3. Please notify Shirley Lindquist, the Corresponding Secretary, of any member illnesses or deaths.
4. Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar, is collecting registration forms and membership dues.
5. The bus schedule to the Clayton Library is: Thursday, April 27; Wednesday, May 10; Wednesday, August 9; and Thursday, September 7. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the room.
6. Jeanine Lawrence is collecting names of people who can give rides or need rides in our "Ride Share" program.
7. Resa Hennings is collecting recipes especially those with a family history for a cookbook that the Society is planning.
8. We are planning a Genealogical Book Sale. We need book donations and Dottie Crabb, chairman, needs help with pricing.
9. We are forming a Telephone Committee. We need volunteers to help improve communications.
10. Alice Braud-Jones is planning a Genealogical Seminar for September 2006.
11. Alice Braud-Jones is planning a Claire Mire Bettag Seminar with the Clayton Library Friends and the Bay Area Genealogical Society for March 24, 2007. Ms. Bettag is excellent in Spanish and French research. She knows the National Archives very well. This seminar will take the place of the B.A.G.S. March membership meeting. We need 100 people to register to make this a success. Early registration will cost \$40.00. It will cost \$50.00 for registration on the day of the seminar.
12. Alice Braud-Jones and Betty Leonard are heading a committee to transcribe cemetery information. Mt. Olivet Cemetery has not responded. Forest Park East has about 8,000 or 9,000 graves in its cemeteries. Betty Leonard worked on publishing a book that transcribed 100,000 graves in Wayne County, Ohio in 3 years. It will take up to 20 people participating in this effort.
13. Shirley Lindquist is the chairman of the committee to plan the Freeman Library Exhibit in October 2006.
14. Susie Ganch, Quarterly Editor, and Linda Carrington, Newsletter Editor, need each one of us to write an article for the "Quarterly" and the "Newsletter". Susie needs "How I Came to Texas" stories. Share with others and help publicize your searches.
15. See the website for the latest information: TxBayAreaGen.org.
16. Loren thanked everyone who brought food and asked them to give their recipes to Resa Hennings. The people who brought food were: Tammy Frey, Lee Jared, Mary Martin, Claudia Grafton, Dottie Crabb, Marty Nottbohm, Shirley Bernotus, Pat Berry, Polly Wilson, Pauline Opsie, Norma Parnell, Ron Smith, Gerry Higgs, Carole Lynn O'Neal, Leslee Fehlman, Shirley

Brasseaux, Renee Ball, Alice Braud-Jones, and Rose Mary Fritz. Loren thanked everyone who donated to help defray expenses.

17. The visitors were asked to introduce themselves. They are: Shirley Bernatus, Dorothy Carroll, and Kim Zrubek.
18. The next Board Meeting will be Monday, April 24 at 4:30 p.m. The next Society Meeting will be Friday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Dick Warren introduced the speaker Marje Harris who will speak on "Migration and Naturalization".

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin
Recording Secretary