

## Bay Area Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes

### Friday, January 26, 2007

President Loren Martin called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Jeanine Lawrence welcomed everyone to the meeting. She read from Psalms 96 and led us in a prayer.

Bill Teas, Sergeant-at-arms led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Loren Martin explained the change in incorporation of the "Bay Area Genealogical Society". We are dropping the word "The" from the title of our society and making our society tax exempt. All were in favor of the incorporation, and no one was opposed. The motion passed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar, will accept payment of dues or dues from anyone who would like to join our Society.
2. The "BAGS" Totes are available for purchase from Susie Ganch. Loren showed a tote bag. There are on sale for \$20.00 if you would like to pick one up.
3. Susie Ganch, Quarterly Editor, has the new quarterlies available, so pick one up this evening.
4. Shirley Lindquist, Chairman of Membership Services announced that the committee is sponsoring a Beginning Genealogy Class on Saturday, February 17 from 9:30 – 12:00. It will be held at University Baptist Church in the room across from the Great Room on the second floor. Alice Braud Jones will be the instructor. Alice will address questions. Alice is a qualified instructor. Carole Varnado will take registrations; they are \$8.00.
5. Shirley Lindquist, Chairman of the Library Display Committee, announced that there is a January BAGS display at the Friendswood Library until January 31.
6. Shirley Lindquist reported that Leo Waltz will be speaking at the Freeman Library to a senior group on February 9 at 10:30. It was previously scheduled for February 16.
7. The bus trips to the Clayton Library are on January 31, February 15, and March 6. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the room.
8. Douglas Wilson announced a Family History Indexing Project. The LDS Library is converting 2.4 million rolls of microfilm to digital images. Indexing all of these records is highly labor intensive. They are accepting volunteers. Doug has been doing the indexing for two months. LDS provides software and tutorials. Doug will answer any questions.
9. Neil Miserendino, "Yearbook" Committee Chairman, will be taking photos for the "Yearbook" if you do not have one or would like to have a new one taken.
10. There are "membership cards" with the nametags. Someone needed a card to prove that they were a member of a society, so Rose Mary Fritz and Doug Wilson have designed membership cards.
11. Think about signing up on the "CAN DO" sheet. You can support the "Newsletter" and the "Quarterly" by submitting articles. Send "Newsletter" information to [www.BagsNews@gmail.com](mailto:www.BagsNews@gmail.com). When you give, you will receive back and be able to help

each other with your family information. The "Five Generation Charts also publicize ancestors. "PERSI" is seen all over the world. The Telephone Committee could use more help, and you would have the opportunity of talking to other members of the Society.

12. The Claire Mire Bettag Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 24 downstairs on the first floor in the Chapel.
13. We are collecting cookbook recipes. We plan to compile an excellent cookbook, and this time it will come to fruition. Please submit your recipes to Resa Hennings. It will have a special section for any related family recipe stories.
14. For the latest Society information look at our website: [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org).
15. Thank you everyone who brought food, and please share your recipes with the "Cookbook". Thank you everyone who donated this month to defray expenses.
16. The following visitors were at the meeting: Vernon Gillette, Joe Snyder, Melody Hauch, Dianna Miller, and Katherine Perrione.
17. The next Board Meeting will be February 19 at 6:30 p.m.
18. The next Society Meeting will be February 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Dick Warren introduced our speaker Gay Carter who is also a member of "BAGS". Gay's topic was *"But How Do I Know That? Cite Your Sources"*.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin  
Recording Secretary

**Bay Area Genealogical Society  
January 26, 2007  
General Membership Meeting**

Call to Order – Loren Martin  
Opening Scripture Reading and Prayer – Jeanine Lawrence  
Pledge of Allegiance – John Hoover  
Texas Pledge –

**“Honor the Texas flag;  
I pledge allegiance to thee,  
Texas, one and indivisible”**

**Have you signed-in at the door on the General Meeting form?**

**Registration / Dues** – Rose Mary Fritz

Membership Vote regarding legal wording in corporate structure documents

**BAGS Totes** are available – Susie Ganch

**New “Quarterly” is available** – Susie Ganch

**Membership Services – Beginner Class**, February 17 @ 9:30, Shirley Lindquist / Carol Varnado

**Friendswood Library BAGS Display** – month of January and again in September

**Freeman Library** – Weekly Seniors Meeting; Leo Waltz will speak on February 16, 2007 @ 10:30

Bus to Clayton Library – **Wednesday, January 31; Thursday, February 15;**

**Tuesday, March 6**

**Family History Indexing Project** – Doug Wilson

**CAN DO** - please consider what you can do and sign-up on clipboard located in the back of the room

**Articles for “Newsletter” / “Quarterly”**

**Send “Newsletter” information to [BagsNews@gmail.com](mailto:BagsNews@gmail.com)**

Share your information with others; each of us has knowledge/experiences

Helps you publicize your searches and reach contacts

**Five Generation charts**

**Telephone Committee** – You can call members

**Claire Mitre Bettag Seminar**, Volunteers needed – Alice Braud-Jones

**Cookbook** – Claudia Grafton; please submit your recipes to Resa Hennings; you can help compile the book (it will have a special section for any related family recipe stories)

**Member photos**, have you had your picture taken for the Yearbook? – Photographers are available

Website for latest information – **[TxBayAreaGen.org](http://TxBayAreaGen.org)**

Food - Thank you to all who brought food; **please share your recipes for BAGS Cookbook**

Thank you to all who weren't able to bring food this month and donated to defray expenses

Visitor introductions

New Member introductions

Announcements / Comments from floor – any member

Speaker introduction – Dick Warren

Gay Carter

**“But How Do I Know That? Cite Your Sources”**

Closing

Remember to turn-in your badges, before you leave

Board Meeting – February 19 @ 6:00 pm

**Next meeting – February 23 @ 6:00 pm**