Bay Area Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes Friday, February 23, 2007

President Loren Martin called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Jeanine Lawrence welcomed everyone to the meeting. She read from Psalms 29 and led us in a prayer.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. If you would like to join our Society or pay your dues, please see Rose Mary Fritz who is the Registrar.
- 2. The "BAGS" Tote Bags are available from Susie Ganch.
- 3. Susie Ganch also has the "Quarterlies" available.
- 4. See Neil Miserendino for a copy of the new "Yearbook".
- 5. The next trip to the Clayton Library on the Harris County Bus is Tuesday, March 6. There is a sign-up sheet available in the back of the room.
- 6. Shirley Lindquist announced that we have had positive feedback about the New Member Class. We will have other classes when we know what the topics are going to be.
- 7. Doug Wilson encouraged people to sign up for the Family Search Indexing. Information about it is in the last "Newsletter". There are 2.4 million records to be indexed. One person has signed up to do this so far.
- 8. Alice Braud-Jones announced that seventy-one people have signed up for the Claire Mire Bettag Seminar on Saturday, March 24 to be held downstairs in this building. If you sign up by March 17, the cost is \$40.00. There are lots of door prizes. We need volunteers to help with the registration.
- 9. The Cookbook Committee is trying diligently to produce a good cookbook. Please submit your family recipes to the committee with some stories of their heritage and pictures. Please submit your recipes to Resa Hennings.
- 10. Doug Wilson, Neil Miserendino, and Leo Waltz will take member's photos for the "Yearbook". Please get your photo taken if it is not in the "Yearbook".
- 11. Bill Teas announced a website that he has discovered. It is: www.findagrave.com.
- 12. Please request topics of interest and submit them to Dick Warren.
- 13. Upcoming educational opportunities are: "Code Talkers" on February 27; Clayton Library Training for shelving books on Wednesday, March 7 and Saturday, March 31 at 10:00; and the "Battle of San Jacinto Symposium" on Saturday, April 14.
- 14. Please consider what you CAN DO and sign up on the clipboard located in the back of the room.
- 15. We need articles for the "Newsletter" and the "Quarterly". Share your information with others; each of us has knowledge and experiences.
- 16. Send "Newsletter" information to www.BagsNews@gmail.com.
- 17. We need a Compositor for the "Newsletter". This will be someone to compose the layout with a joint team approach. See Doug Wilson or Kim Zrubek.

- 18. The Telephone Committee can use more members. Loren thanked Connie Ogden and her committee for the wonderful job that they are doing.
- 19. Look at the website, <u>www.TxBayAreaGen.org</u> for the latest information about our Society.
- 20. Loren thanked everyone who brought food tonight and asked them to share their recipes. He also thanked everyone who donated to help defray expenses.
- 21. Loren had the visitors introduce themselves. The visitors tonight were: Don and Laura Pusch, Malvina Lutz, Angela Mendoza, Sharon Gillins, Regina Flynn, Kathryn Morrow, Lewis Garrett, Richard Batic, and Jimmie Raze.
- 22. Loren announced the newest members who were: Dianna Miller, Vernon Gillette, Eleanor Caldwell, and Melody Hauch.
- 23. Remember the Claire Mire Bettag Seminar on Saturday, March 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the University Baptist Church on the first floor in the "Chapel".
- 24. The next Board Meeting is on March 26 at 6:30 p.m.
- 25. The next Society Meeting is on March 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Dick Warren announced the speaker Kathryn Black Morrow who spoke on "Texas History in Slave Trade Records".

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin Recording Secretary