

Bay Area Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2007

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

Jeanine Lawrence welcomed everyone. Jeanine read from Psalms 19:1-6 and led us in a prayer.

Bill Teas, Sergeant-at-Arms led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the new Texas Pledge: "Honor the Texas Flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, One and indivisible."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. If you would like to pay your dues for next year or join BAGS, please see Rose Mary Fritz, Registrar, at the back door. Loren recognized Gerri Higgs who is the first person to register for next year.
2. There are BAGS Tote Bags available for sale in the back of the room.
3. The next bus to the Clayton Library is Monday, July 9. The other scheduled trip is Wednesday, August 22. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the room.
4. Alice Braud-Jones reported on the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Transcription Project. Rose Mary Fritz, Mary Brandhorst, and Helene Stein have finished the mausoleum. This will be the first section to be published in the "Quarterly". Loren said that the head of the cemetery wants to protect individuals' privacy so we need to work with them as to the way that we can publish the information.
5. Alice Braud-Jones announced that it will be 2008 or maybe even 2009 before the Clayton House and grounds renovation project is finished.
6. August will be our annual "Show and Tell" program. Think about what you would like to share with others at this program.
7. Shirley Lindquist reported that they are developing a very basic genealogy course for the fall which will take about 2 ½ hours. It will include preparing a pedigree chart and a family group sheet. It will be a hands on experience. This is a good opportunity to get in on the basic level. It will be opened up to people who want to get started in genealogy. Mary Pearson suggested that we have publicity and publicize it on the web site and the "Newsletter" next month. We will have it in the local newspapers. Oletia Teas reported that their Senior Center is starting a genealogy group.
8. Shirley Lindquist reported that the Library Committee needs a couple of helpers to set up and take down at the Freeman and the Friendswood Libraries.
9. Shirley Lindquist reported that the Nominating Committee is still working on the slate of officers for next year. Please talk to Shirley if you would like to be on the slate of officers.
10. Loren welcomed and recognized the visitors at the meeting: Barbara Moore, Mary Ann Curtis, Ned Yelverton (husband of Wanda Yelverton), Joe Ball (husband of Renee Ball), Fred & Frances Foreman, Betty & Lloyd Crockford, Lauren Sergeant (niece of Betty & Lloyd Crockford), and Barry Gammon (husband of Deborah Gammon).
11. There are registration forms for the Texas State Genealogical Society 2007 Conference at Tyler, Texas in the back of the room. It will be held November 9 & 10.

12. Please consider what you "CAN DO" and volunteer for articles for the "Newsletter" and the "Quarterly". Send "Newsletter" information to www.BagsNews@gmail.com. We need a "Compositor" for the "Newsletter". Give "Quarterly" information to Susie Ganch. We need proof readers for the "Quarterly". Share your information with others; each of us has knowledge and experiences. It helps to publicize your searches and reach contacts. Carole Varnado needs "Five Generation Charts" for the "Newsletter" and the "Quarterly". You can do generations back for 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 generations on another "Five Generation Chart".
13. Shirley Lindquist will be meeting with the Library Display Committee on July 20th at 10:00 a.m.
14. The Telephone Committee needs some new members. You can call a few members each month. See Connie Ogden if you would like to help.
15. You can help the Hospitality Coordinator with set-up and clean-up in the kitchen area at the meetings.
16. Please submit your recipes to Resa Hennings with any related family recipe stories and picture for the "BAGS" Cookbook.
17. You can help with the "LDS Project" at home.
18. There is someone available to take your picture for the "Yearbook" if you haven't done so, or if you would like a new picture.
19. Loren thanked everyone who brought food to the meeting. Think about sharing your recipe with the "BAGS" Cookbook. He thanked everyone who wasn't able to bring food this month but donated to help defray our expenses for paper supplies.
20. Loren introduced Regina Flynn and Glenn Mathis, Sr. who are our new members.
21. The next Board Meeting will be Monday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m.
22. The next General Meeting will be Friday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m.
23. See our website for the latest information about "BAGS" and other genealogy information at www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

Vice President in Charge of Programs Dick Warren introduced Alice Braud-Jones who has been a genealogist for 30 years. Alice is the Secretary of the Clayton Library Friends. She is a member of the NSDAR, UDC, and the Daughters of the War of 1812. She is a member of the Institute of Genealogical Research and Samford University for seven years. Alice is going to tell us about the "Navajo Code Talkers" who were very important during WWII and her experiences meeting some of them.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin
Recording Secretary