

**Bay Area Genealogical Society
Society Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 29, 2011**

President Tina Chatham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jeanine Lawrence read from selected verses from the book of Romans 10.

The "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America" and the "Texas Pledge" were led by Tina Chatham in the absence of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Carolyn Hellen, the founder of the Bay Area Genealogical Society was attending the meeting with her husband, Roy Hellen. Carolyn spoke about the last ten years and what she was grateful for; her husband, her three children, and the Bay Area Genealogical Society and that it is still having meetings.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Tina asked that the nominees for BAGS officers for the years 2011-2012 stand.

President: Bill Mayo

1st Vice-President: Shirley Lindquist

2nd Vice-President: Susie Ganch

Corresponding Secretary: Annette Bowen

Recording Secretary: Nick Cimino

Treasurer: Loren Martin

Registrar: Deborah Cole

Alice Braud-Jones moved that we vote by acclamation to approve the candidates. Leslee Fehlman seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The August meeting will be the annual "Show and Tell – Potluck Meeting". Please bring side dishes and serving utensils. The meat will be provided.
2. The Freeman Library Display will be set up by Barbara Moore, Polly Swerdlin, and Oletia Teas. It is entitled "A Time to Look Back". It will show how things have changed over time. A request was made for an old fountain pen; someone volunteered to bring a fountain pen. Call Barbara Moore at her cell number (832) 274-9524. They need more items. Contribution Registration forms for the items to be displayed will be at the August meeting. They are also printed in the *Newsletter*.
3. It is time to renew your membership for next year. The cutoff is September in order to have your name in the *Yearbook*.
4. William Oatley is looking for historical items about Central High School in Houston. It was on Welch Street in the Montrose area.
5. Alice Braud-Jones talked about August Clayton Library Friends programs. On August 13th, Steven Sloan will talk about the Library of Congress oral history project. On August 27th, Dr. Arlene Echol from League City will present seminar on various genealogical subjects. Details are printed in the *Newsletter*.
6. Nick Cimino will present a series of classes at the League City Library on Beginning Genealogy on September 1st, 15th, 29th, and October 27th. His website is:
www.ancestornuzzles.blogspot.com.

7. Lynn Finger, Historian, has been looking for items to put in the BAGS Scrapbook. Submit any clippings or items that you have to her.
8. There are sign up sheets in the back of the room for Clayton Library trips: Wednesday, August 3rd; Wednesday, August 24th, and Wednesday, September 14th.
9. There are some DAR bus trips with the Sam Houston Chapter DAR. There is the August 24th bus trip to the Clayton Library which BAGS members have been invited to. There is the September 20th trip to see the "Painted Churches" in Schulenburg.

The speaker for tonight is Linda Jamison who will speak on "The Orphan Trains".

Tina introduced the visitors: Mary Glenn; Eric & Glenda Sandifer; Rex & Valeria Moses; D. Taylor (his wife is a member, Trish Taylor); J. O. Yerby (his wife is a member Sue Yerby); Bob & Linda Jamison (tonight's speaker); and Casey Flores & Tammy who is 7 years old.

Tina thanked those who donated to the "BAGS Basket". It helps with the costs of tea, coffee, and paper items at the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin

Recording Secretary