

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 28, 2014

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Shirley Lindquist, President called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Pledges to the American flag and the Texas flag were led by Neil Miserendino, a U. S. veteran.

The first major announcement of the evening by the President was that the position of Registrar has been filled by Bob Wegner. He has not been trained by outgoing Registrar, Deborah Cole yet. He will need an assistant to help with recording new members and clerical work.

Shirley announced that the organization still needs a Publicity Chair. The position can be done at home. It means sending out 4 notices every month.

She, also announced that Kim Zrubek has taken the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP through January 2015. Kim is doing 2 jobs, the newsletter and now 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

Nick Cimino made the announcement on the Special Interest Groups (SIGS). The first will be British and Irish special interest group to meet at Friendswood Library at 2:30 on Tuesday. Census records of the British Isles will be the subject of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Next month, Civil records will be covered and after that Church records will be studied.

The next SIG will be African American research with the 1<sup>st</sup> session being on Beginning Genealogy. It starts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7p.m. which is April 14<sup>th</sup>. This SIG meets at Greater New Hope Baptist Church on Hiway 3 in League City.

Shirley added that the SIGS are free.

BAGS Quarterly has been delayed but the Yearbook is available now.

Next bus trip to Clayton Library is May 21, 2014.

Billy Mayo was absent from meeting so there was no discussion on Genealogytalk.com which is a Facebook type of page for genealogist. An administrator will be needed for this page to be successful.

Eleanor Caldwell was absent so there was no discussion on Pedigree charts, but Shirley said that Pedigree charts are needed and wanted.

Shirley welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

Kim Zrubek introduced our speaker for the evening, Rene Armstrong-“History Lost-History Found.” Researching and Writing a Memoir.

Rene was born and raised in Galveston Co. She was a 1967 graduate from Texas City. When Rene Armstrong’s husband found a box of 295 letters in a junk store on 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Texas City, they had no idea the profound piece of history in their possession until Rene transcribed them. The letters were the love story between James Richard Jones and Helen Elnora Bartlett whom he met on a blind date in Houston. Rene enlightened the BAGS audience on her discovery and journey to write her book, “Wings and a Ring”. Rene has met with survivors of the 345<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group at reunions. She showed an 11 minute newsreel style film of the 345<sup>th</sup> at the end of the war. Everyone enjoyed her presentation.

Kim thanked her and awarded her a padfolio from BAGS.

Shirley adjourned the meeting at 8:20

Respectively submitted,

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