

Bay Area Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2014

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

Neil Miserendino, a veteran, led the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Kim Zrubek introduced herself and announced that she does the scheduling for the programs. Next month a survey will be given out at the October meeting to see what members would like to have presented at BAGS programs.

Kim mentioned that last month a show of hands was called for about scheduling a couple of day time meetings in the winter months, January and February. She again asked for a show of hands. There is some interest in day time meetings.

Clayton Library is hosting genealogy workshops and webinars for Family History month of October. Friday, October 17th, the webinars will be shown at the Friendswood Library in conjunction with Clayton Library. Fliers are on the back table if you are interested in attending the webinars at Friendswood Library.

Next bus trip to Clayton Library is November 5, 2014. Sign up sheet is in the back.

Bus departs from Recreational Center on Diana Lane between 9:15 and 9:30.

There is also a carpool sheet at back of the room if members are interested in attending a free symposium by John Colletta at George Memorial Library in Richmond, Texas on October 18. A few members have said that they will be attending.

There is a sign up sheet to carpool to Clayton Library lecture, "American Family Histories: Lost, Forgotten, Found" featuring Nick Kotz on October 30 10:30-noon, as well.

Leslee Fehlman thanked everyone that attended the pot luck dinner and contributed a dish for the August meeting.

The new and our 1st Journal is available for members to pick up at back by editor, Melodey Hauch. Melodey asked for contributions of articles for publication.

Bill Mayo made a plea for members who have not had a photo taken for the yearbook to please see him to have that done. This is the last night for having photo taken before yearbook is published.

Visitors were introduced and included Bill Whatley the president of the Galveston chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is recruiting new members. He said that their organization has a registrar who will help with research, so please see him after meeting.

Three other visitors were introduced.

Nick Cimino conducted several mentoring groups tonight. There were 6 people who sought help and he hoped that he steered them in correct direction. He attended German genealogy while at FGS meeting in San Antonio and plans on having a SIG on German research in either January or February. See him after meeting if you are interested.

His new email is ancestorpuzzles@gmail.com and he can be contacted at that email address.

Kim introduced the speaker, Gay Carter a retired librarian from the University of Houston, Clear Lake who has 37 years of experience with genealogy.

Gay did an excellent power point presentation "Following Smoke Signals: Using Circumstantial Evidence to Focus Research".

She walked us through her research techniques and findings for William Cockburne Johnstone, father of Bill Johnstone, the Shadow of Radio fame. She was trying to verify Mr. Johnstone's first marriage. It was a very interesting and entertaining case study and everyone was delighted with her presentation that used cluster genealogy techniques and Newspaper Archive. She introduced us to the website www.popplet.com that helps narrow down genealogical findings. After a question and answer session, Kim presented her with a BAGS padfolio.

Shirley Lindquist adjourned the meeting at 8:15.

Respectively submitted,

Deborah C. Gammon