BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 30, 2015

Bill Mayo called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Bill Mayo led the pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag. Bill welcomed 1 visitor and stated that we had 1 new member tonight. Kim Zrubek spoke about the "Members First Committee". The "Members First Committee" was created to engage and grow our membership.

Nick Cimino gave updates on Mentoring. He thanked everyone that participated and that the Mentoring committee will try to do more one on one in the future. He also included his report on Special Interest Groups. We are going to continue the series of SIGs at the Friendswood Library. The next one is Thursday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. The presenter will be Irene Walters of Clayton Library on Beginning Genealogy. The next one will be March 19, 2015 with Ms. Irene Walters presenting her "Tips and Tricks". April SIG is scheduled to be about using newspapers and the last one on Saturday, May 30 will be an overview of Family Search. Nick will be doing a segment on "Identifying German Ancestors". The next Clayton Bus Trip is March 10, 2015. We have to have 10 people to attend in order to make the trip to Clayton. He encouraged people to please sign up and attend that we are in jeopardy of losing this program from lack of attendance. We meet at Clear Lake Recreation Center.

Announcements from floor: Patsy Chappelear announced that the brand new directories are available at the back of the room. Mike McCown announced that he is willing to meet with members to help them out with their DNA projects. Just give him a call. Name and number is in yearbook/directory.

He advised the Society of a new genealogical program on Fox TV on Monday-Thursday at 8 p.m. about Strange Inheritances. Irene Walters of Clayton library was introduced by Kim.

Irene's program was "Crossing the Wide Blue Seas: Passenger Lists of Our Ancestors".

Her program was very well presented on passenger lists and entry ports of America before and after the Colonial period. She held a short question and answer period.

Kim presented Irene with a BAGS Padfolio and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectively summited,

Deborah C. Gammon