

Bay Area Genealogical Society
Society Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 27, 2015

President Shirley Lindquist called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., led the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America" and the "Texas Pledge" and introduced the visitors and made the following announcements:

The next bus trips are Tuesday March 10, 2015 and Thursday April 16, 2015.

An overview of familysearch.org will be at the Helen Hall Library in League City on Saturday February 28, 2015 starting at 11am.

Copies of Yearbook inserts with the officers were available on the back table.

Bob Wegner announced the activities of the Member's First committee.

Nick Cimino spoke on Mentoring, the information is on the web page: www.txbayareagen.org

A Special Interest Group (SIG) will be on German research. The format is one hour of lecture followed by one hour of questions and work. Members are encouraged to bring Family Group sheets and electronic devices to ask specific questions. On March 21, April 18 and May 16 the meetings will be held at 1pm at the Friendswood Library.

Polly Swerdlin showed the members the newly hosted web-page on a site that is free for non-profit organizations.

Liz Hicks announced that she is active researching the German free school in Austin Texas prior to 1880. Liz mentioned the annual conference September 3-5 2015 in Austin Texas and referred the members to the web-page <http://germantexans.org/>

Kim Zrubek introduced Bob Wegner who spoke about the History of German migrations to America. There were two migrations, the first migration was from 1621 to 1799 of about 250,000 people who were predominately Protestant primarily Lutheran and Reformed and most of them entered in Philadelphia. The second migration was from 1800-1920 of about 5 to 8 million Germans from eastern and northern regions of Germany. About half of those migrants were Catholic and half were Protestant.

Nick Cimino spoke next; he referred the members to books by Roger P. Minert on German research. Minert's books are available at Clayton Library and on-line. The books help people researching German ancestors.

Another book Nick Cimino mentioned was "If I can you can read German Script", a book which is also available at Clayton Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Email chair