



# Bay Area Genealogical Society

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### October 2015

When: October 30, 2015 Friday 6:30 pm  
Where: University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Rd, Houston

**CALL TO ORDER:** Loren Marten, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE:** Pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by David Zwahr.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♣ Loren began with a reminder that membership renewals are now due.
- ♣ He informed members that the BAGS banner is missing and if any member knows its whereabouts to please inform the Society.
- ♣ Loren then announced his initiative “I Can Help”, and called for volunteers to speak to the appropriate committee chairperson, then introduced each committee and its chairperson.
  - Welcoming-Shirley Lindquist: No volunteers needed at this time.
  - Historian-Tammy Frey: Encouraged members to submit photos of events and is looking for a ‘scrapbook’ person to assist her.
  - Publicity-Neil Miserendino announced the need for another backup to Bettejean Spatafore and explained the simple tasks involved.
- \*Loren announced someone’s car keys had been dropped near the entry door.
  - County Coordinator-Loren explained the County bus program available to BAGS members.
  - Membership Services-Polly Swerdlin talked about providing rides to and from meetings.
  - Education-Loren spoke about the excellent educational opportunities provided with ongoing special interest groups (SIG) and members-only beginner’s classes.
  - Newsletter-Loren talked about our award-winning newsletter run by Kim Zrubek.
  - Website-Loren said BAGS goal was to improve communication to the membership through the website.
  - Journal-Melodey Hauch spoke about needing articles for the Journal and said the next publication would be sometime in February or March.
  - Yearbook-Garry Garrett asked members to be sure he receives a photo/updated photo for the new yearbook.
  - Pedigree Charts-Garry encouraged members to submit their pedigree charts for publication in the Journal and on the website. Billy Mayo suggested if you need help with your chart, to attend a members-only workshop to attain one-on-one help.
- ♣ The next German SIG will meet on November 7 at the Freeman Library and feature Gus Hinds as the speaker.
- ♣ BAGS will have a table at the Genealogy Roadshow being filmed on November 22 at the Julia Ideson Building in Houston; this will be great publicity for BAGS.
- ♣ BAGS annual holiday party will be held on November 14 from 11a to 1p at Hope Village Café.
- ♣ The next free bus trip to Clayton Library will be on January 20.
- ♣ The next members-only workshop will be held January 23 at UBC in rooms EB202/203.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- ♣ Deborah Gammon announced that tomorrow's "Ghosts of the Past" tours are still happening, though will be indoors due to the rain.
- ♣ Polly Swerdlin announced the annual Armand Bayou festival which turns back the clock to circa 1900 on November 14 and 15.
- ♣ Bob Wegner announced the New Members Luncheon scheduled for tomorrow has been canceled and will be rescheduled sometime in January.
- ♣ Oletia Teas announced beginning genealogy research sessions are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month from 9:30a to 11:30a at the Alvin Senior Center.
- ♣ Kim Zrubek announced BAGS annual holiday party will be held on November 14 from 11a to 1p at Hope Village Café. Members pay for their own lunch and need to sign up for a head count.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:** Loren welcomed our visitors: Karina Eversley, Joseph Rush, Diane Lucas, Glenda Stroud; Diane and Glenda have both joined BAGS.

**PROGRAM:** The program of "Researching in Your Pajamas" was presented by Kim Zrubek, which gave a comprehensive list of free websites and an overview on how to use several of them with additional tips to use extra features on these sites.

**ADJOURNED:** Loren Marten adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectively submitted,



Lisa Smith  
Recording Secretary