Bay Area Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
18 March 2016
University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Rd, Houston

CALL TO ORDER: Loren Martin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledges to the American and Texas flags were said.

ANNOUNCEMENTS made by Loren:

- Please be sure that you have signed-in, visitors please include address so we can send you a thank you note.
- There's a Book Swap table in the back, feel free to leave one or take one home
- BAGS 2015-2016 Yearbook available for pick-up from Polly Swerdlin
- BAGS Journal for March available for pick-up from Melodey Hauch
- Status of the survey taken at last meeting showed interest was there to have BAGS
 related merchandise available, pens most popular, tote bags, etc. Also popular was
 interest in recording cemetaries. The board will make a decision soon about any
 action ideas.
- Please submit new or updated pedigree charts to Garry Garrett, it isn't necessary to have all 5 generations if you have a brick wall.
- There are a couple "I can help" opportunities on the back table:
 - Recording Secretary
 - Scrapbooking
- Bus Trip to Clayton Library on Wednesday, May 10 signup sheet on back table

FUTURE EVENTS:

- Members Helping Members on Sun. March 20 at Helen Hall Library 2pm-4pm
- Houston Genealogical Forum on Sat. April 9 at Bayland Community Center 10am-3pm
- Members Helping Members on Sun. April 17 at Helen Hall Library 2pm-4pm
- Board meeting on April 25 in UBC room EB105 at 6:30 pm
- Membership meeting on April 29 at 6:30 pm Social and 7:00 pm Meeting
- Bus Trip to Clayton Library on Wednesday, May 10
- Members Helping Members on Sun. May 15 at Helen Hall Library 2pm-4pm
- Membership meeting and Potluck Dinner on May 20 at 6:30 pm
- Federation of Genealogical Societies National Conference, Springfield MO, Aug 31 -Sep 3
- Annual Texas State Genealogical Family History Conference in Dallas, Oct 28 30

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Deborah Gammon had flyers at the back table for the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration on Tuesday March 29th at 10:00 a.m.
- Nick announced if anyone would make presentations to TXSGS Conference in Dallas, they are asking for papers : www.txsqs.org
- Bill Mayo remarked that there will be a ceremony April 21 at San Jacinto Battlegrounds Monument

PROGRAM: Kim Zrubek presented "Chronicling America: Free Online Historic American Newspapers" program. Handout is available on the BAGS website under Members Page.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS: Loren welcomed our visitors: Laura Hale and George and Mark Butler.

ADJOURNED: Loren Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Web Editor

Polly Swerdlin