Bay Area Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting Minutes June 2016

Date: Friday, June 24, 2016, 7:00 p.m. **Place:** University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Road, Houston, Texas

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Loren Martin. Pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags were recited in unison. President Martin encouraged members to sign in and visitors to include their address on the sign-in sheet. No visitors were acknowledged.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The March 2016 *BAGS Journal* and 2015-2016 *BAGS Yearbooks* are available.
- Articles are needed for the September issue of the *Journal*.
- Pedigree charts should be submitted to Garry Garrett. These will be published in the *Journal* and do not need to be completely filled in. Members may discover that they have cousins in BAGS.
- President Martin announced "I Can Help" opportunities including the need for a Recording Secretary and a Historian assistant to help Tammy Frey with scrapbooking. Volunteers should contact Loren Martin for the secretarial position and Tammy Frey for the historian position.
- As part of Members Helping Members, Dotti Dineen spoke briefly on the genealogy program, "Brother's Keeper." She stressed how easy the program is to use.
- Joshua Taylor will present a genealogical symposium at the Rice University Research Center on August 6th. Registration must be in by July 5th to get the reduced fee of \$45, and Loren will take completed applications with him to Clayton if members wish to fill them in tonight. BAGS is helping with the registration packets and lunch distribution and volunteers are needed. Maps were provided and a carpool sign-up sheet was available.

PROGRAM: 2nd Vice President Kim Zrubek introduced the speaker, Bill Buckner, Genealogy Center Manager of the Waco-McClellan Public Library. Mr. Buckner presented a program on GoToMeeting about the Digital Public Library of America.

FUTURE EVENTS:

- The next BAGS Board meeting will be held on July 25th at 6:30 p.m. at UBC room EB105. The next general meeting will be on July 29 with social starting at 6:30 p.m. Helen Mooty will discuss her experience working with "Genealogy Roadshow." The August 26 meeting will be our Annual Show and Tell with a potluck dinner.
- Bus trips to Clayton Library are scheduled for Wednesday, July 6th and Tuesday, September 20th. A sign-up sheet was available.
- Members Helping Members will be held on July 10th and August 14th at Helen Hall Library in League City from 2 to 4 p.m.
- The Annual Texas State Genealogical Society Conference will be held in Dallas from October 28-30th. Member Nick Cimino will present two classes.
- BAGS member Kathleen Maca will present a program on Galveston cemeteries on August 13th at Clayton Library.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Melodey Hauch,

Substituting as Recording Secretary