

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

CALL TO ORDER: Loren Martin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Mike McCowen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign-in sheets: Be sure members and visitors have signed in. Visitors include address so we can send you a thank you note

Annual memberships are due, please see Bob our Registrar, who will also provide the password for the Members page. Membership can now be paid by credit card using Square.

BAGS Yearbook and New Journal for September are ready to pick-up from Garrey Garrett.

Consider submitting information for publication in the BAGS Journal and Newsletter. Pedigree charts go to Gary Garrett. This helps if we have members with same name you can check if the charts are the same people.

Bill Mayo is available to take pictures for the Yearbook. This way fellow members can put your face with a name.

Password has changed on the BAGS website to access "Members page". Ask Registrar, Bob Wagner, for the new password. Public viewing does not need password. Members only does need password.

If your nametag is highlighted in yellow you have not paid your dues. Just a friendly reminder.

Loren announced that the Flash drives have arrived and are available for donation (\$10). Has bags name and website on Flash drive and holds 4GB.

Announcements from the floor – none

Speaker Fidel G. Ramirez was introduced by Kim Zrubek.

Program: "Genealogy To Go" by Fidel G. Ramirez, Board Member of Clayton Library Friends, Director of Social Media. Note copy of presentation will be available online at <https://goo.gl/aQNr11>. Questions or comments to director22@claytonlibraryfriends.org

Presentation was on apps available for Smart Phone and Android to research genealogy when not at home. Described how to take picture with phone, tag and upload Ancestry and it will download to Family Search. (Ex will work on other programs also) Can be used with the cloud, Google and other programs. Google translator was discussed. The translator can translate over 50 languages. Do not need to know exact language when taking picture, translator can determine language.

Questions were taken for about 30 minutes. These included topics discussed in program. Types of DNA testing. Which programs to begin with as a new researcher. How to use Drop Box. Difference between Drop Box and Google. Price of storage of in cloud and different programs available.

We have 5 visitors tonight.

BAGS Board meeting on Monday, November 14 AT 6:30 PM in UBC Room EB105
Clayton Library bus trip on Wednesday, November 16, 9 am meet at Clear Lake Rec Center

Membership meeting on November 18 at 6:30 pm Social and 7:00 pm. Meeting, where Andrew Shaner will present "Research at the National Archives: A Primer".

BAGS Annual Holiday Luncheon, Saturday December 3 at Hope Village Café rom 11 am to 1 pm

General Meeting Recap Session, Saturday December 10 at Friendswood Library 11 am to noon

Members helping Members, Sunday December 11 at Helen Hall Library from 2 pm until 4 pm

Do not forget to return your name badges.

Adjourned: Loren Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.
Respectively submitted, Kathie Chaffee, Recording Secretary