

Bay Area Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
18 November 2016

University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Rd, Houston

CALL TO ORDER: Loren Martin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Mike McCown.

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 is ready to pick-up from Garry Garrett.

BAGS Journal September issue is available for pick-up from Melody Hauch

Consider submissions for publication in the BAGS Journal and Newsletter. Both are excellent publications.

BAGS promotional items and demonstration of Laptop Brief Bag

Laptop Brief Bags

USB Flash drives

Cookbooks

Pedigree charts go to Garry 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 Wegner, for the new password. Public viewing does not need password. Members only does need password.

www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

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

Announcements from the floor – none

Speaker Andrew Shaner a BAGS member was introduced by Kim Zrubek.

Program: "Research at the National Archives: A Primer"

Washington DC Archives know before you go. Who, What, Where, and How much time you have to spend there. Search catalogue for contact ahead to see if what you want to see is there. Go in the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance it is open 9 am – 5 pm. You pass thru a security check and are then given a research pass. Now you are IN. Go left to get research card. This card will have your picture on it. No gloves unless looking at photo's. You will need to swipe your research card four times. There are lockers for .25 that gets returned to you when you leave. Nothing is allowed in research room except your phone and you can use your camera. They have copy machines and pens and paper for you to make notes. Research Assistant will pull slips for items you want to research. At top of hour turn in these slips to research assistant. This is important because it took me 75 minutes to get my research cart with research items. Your information will come in large ledgers, manila envelopes and boxes with

folders. You may only put one thing on the desk at a time. When time to leave put documents in order they were received. Swipe card. Wash hands get locker info swipe card. You may keep information pulled for 3 days they will answer questions if they are able. Go to main site home page to see what they have. No fees for these services. You don't want to get there and find the information you are looking for is at another archives location. Do not go in if under age 14 without an adult. Recommend book *Suffering Soldiers* Rev. War 1999.

We have 1 visitor who joined.

BAGS Annual Holiday Luncheon at Hope Village Café, Saturday December 10, 11 am – 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 7:55 p.m.
respectively submitted, Kathie Chaffee, Recording Secretary