Bay Area Genealogical Society Minutes General Membership Meeting, May 26, 2017

The Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) met at the University Baptist Church on May 26, 2017 with a quorum present. First Vice President Nick Cimino invited members to enjoy a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the general meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. Speaker Tom Green led the pledges of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

- Announcements included the following:
 - o Members were asked to sign in and visitors were asked to include their addresses.
 - o A DNA Help Desk will be available at the Members-Helping-Members sessions.
 - o BAGS Journals and Yearbooks were available for distribution.
 - Any member interested in serving as an officer for 2017-2019 was asked to notify the Nominating Committee consisting of Nick Cimino, Terri Myers, Teresa Rundell, Bob Wegner and Kim Zrubek.
 - BAGS merchandise available for a donation included laptop bags, USB drives, cookbooks and pens.
 - Guest David Gardiner was introduced and spoke on Scottish and English research and his classes at the League City Family History Center on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.
 - Guest Lawrence Casey discussed and shared a long list of the lineage societies currently available to genealogists.
- Tom Green presented a program on membership requirements, research sources and strategies to use in applications for the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT). Local chapters and their websites were provided for prospective members.
- Nick Cimino introduced meeting visitors.
- Future events included the following:
 - A Recap Session for the April and May general meetings was scheduled for June 11 from 2-3 p.m. at the Helen Hall Library in League City.
 - o Members Helping Members was also scheduled for June 11 at the library from 2-4 p.m.
 - o June 26th was the date for the next board meeting with a general meeting on June 30th at 7 p.m. Sue Yerby will present a program on free online resources.
 - o The next Clayton Library bus trip is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members should meet at the Clear Lake Rec Center at 16511 Diana Lane.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Melodey Hauch, Substituting for the Recording Secretary