

Bay Area Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
28 July 2017
University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Rd, Houston

CALL TO ORDER: Nick Cimino, First Vice-President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mike McCown announced the current condition of our President, Loren Martin. He has been in the hospital two and one-half months.

Mike McCown is assisting Mary Martin with the Bus Trips. There is a new Medical form required by the County. Each person riding the bus needs to fill out this form before boarding the bus. Forms and reservation list are located on the table in the back.

Bob Wegner, head of nominating committee, gave a description of members nominated for offices of BAGS. New nominations were requested from the floor. None received.

Members should continue to contribute content to the BAGS Journal. Next issue will be published in September. Submission deadline is September 1, 2017.

INTRODUCTION: Kim Zrubek, Second Vice-President, introduced our speaker, Marjorie Lowe, who spoke on "Finding the Five Tribes: The Dawes Rolls and Beyond."

Marjorie discussed the presumption that "you don't look like an Indian" and showed pictures of two high school gentlemen, one had blond hair the other dark hair. Both were part Indian.

Clayton Library has Dawes Commission 1893-1914 information. University of Arkansas has the Guion Miller Roll for Cherokee's only, for Trail of Tears. Gave information how to fill out application for Dawes Rolls. Women are listed under their married name. The Roll card shows degree of native Indian blood. Commanche Records are at Fort Sill, OK (call before you go to make reservation to see records). Each Indian Nation was considered a separate nation from the U.S. by the British.

The 5 tribes were fixed Indians and had homes. Plains Indians were nomads travelled in teepee's. Many more statistics and general information was discussed. Questions from the floor were numerous and very informative. The speaker was very informative on many other tribes as well as the Five Tribes.

Kim Zrubek thanked Marjorie for her presentation.

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

Members remember to renew your annual membership for this Society year (Sept 2017-Aug2018).

BAGS Journal: Pick up the new issue tonight. Melodey Hauch has them in the back.

BAGS Yearbook: Pick up the new issue tonight. Garry Garrett has them in the back.

BAGS merchandise available for donations at the Registrar's table: Laptop Bag (\$25), 4GB USB Drive (\$10), Cookbook (\$10), and Pen (\$1).

Future Events: Please mark your calendars and attend these events in support of your society.

Clayton Bus Trip Wednesday August 2, from 9am – 4 pm Meet at Clear Lake Rec Center 16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062. We need at least 10 people to RSVP with Mike McCown, 281 337 4668 telephone number.

Clayton Library Friends Meeting on Saturday August 12 from 10:30-noon in Carriage House.

Members helping Members, Sunday August 13, from 2pm to 4pm in the Helen Hall Library, 100 W. Walker, League City.

Recap session for this general meeting on Sunday, August 13 from 2pm to 3pm in the Helen Hall Library, 100 W. Walker, League City.

BAGS strategy Session Tuesday, August 15 at 6 pm, Friendswood Library Open to all BAGS Members.

Next Board Meeting on Monday August 21, at 6:30 pm at University Baptist Church. All members are welcome to attend.

Next General Meeting on Friday, August 25, at 7 pm., Annual Show and Tell, Includes Potluck dinner. Meat and drinks provided by BAGS.

Do not forget to return your name badges.

Adjourned: Kim Zrubek, 2nd VP, adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.
respectively submitted,
Kathie Chaffee, Recording Secretary