Bay Area Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting Minutes January 27, 2018

Nick Cimino, President, called the overwhelmingly large audience to order at 2:00 pm. George Porterfield, 1^{st} Vice President, led the audience in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flag. Jeanine Lawrence welcomed all to University Baptist Church and BAGS, and then read us a passage from Psalms 139, followed by a prayer of thanksgiving and request for guidance.

Nick asked if the visitors would raise their hands, and about half the room did. He asked to be sure they had signed in, so we could send a thank you memo. Then the reminder for members to renew, that we consider contributing content to the BAGS Journal, and asked about any announcements from the floor. Only one, about bus trips to Clayton.

Susie Ganch, 2nd Vice President, introduced Frank Billingsley our speaker, giving his background and impressive education.

Frank gave a very engaging talk about his research to find out who his birth parents were, as he was adopted at 4 months. DNA was the major factor in making it happen.

Susie presented Frank with one of our BAGS tote bags. Frank sold his book at the back, today only: free delivery!