

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 16106 MIDDLEBROOK DRIVE, HOUSTON, TX. MEETING ROOM EB105

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY Nick Cimino, President

U.S and Texas - Pledge of Allegiance – George Porterfield, 1st Vice President

“Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas one state under God, one and indivisible”

Welcome to Visitors and New Members – Nick Cimino, President

New Members stand and introduce themselves: Pat Metcalf, Kathleen Maaca, Beverley, Diana Martin, Rose Mueller, Willie and Shelia, and Jerry Neeley. Susan Cotter new member did not attend. Nick recognized and welcomed new members and guests.

Nick Cimino asks all members and guests to sign in when leaving if they did not sign in upon entering.

Please renew your membership ASAP. The membership renewal period for the 2018-2019 fiscal year begins July 1st. The Membership Year and the Fiscal Year are from September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2019. Any member who has not renewed by December 31, 2018, shall be removed from the membership roll and not included in the Yearbook.

Ad Hoc Committee regarding Membership Fees, New Member Pro-ration and Bylaws – George Porterfield, Bob Wegner and Bill Mayo will be reviewing our membership fees and prorated dues for new members and other aspects of the Bylaws related to Membership. Please volunteer for this committee. If you want to join or just make comments please see a current member of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Announcements from the floor:

Deborah Gammon announced she and Melodey Hauch will be presenting “League City’s Fairview Cemetery. A 2018 Overview.” At the League City Historical Society August meeting. The League City Historical Society will meet on August 30th at the West Bay Common School’s Barn Museum, 210 N. Kansas at 7 pm. Social begins at 6:30 pm. For more information call The West Bay Common School Children’s Museum at 281 554 2994 or Deborah Gammon at 281 334 4950.

Melodey Hauch a member of BAGS will present a historical perspective on the cemetery and will discuss interesting stories about the burials. Melodey is the award-winning author of a number of articles about local cemeteries with a focus on neglected and vandalized grave yards. She researched a self-published book on Fairview in 2006. Melodey is an active member of six different historical and lineage societies in Galveston County.

Deborah Gammon a member of BAGS will discuss her efforts to add VA markers to the unmarked graves of World War I veterans in the cemetery. Deborah researched Fairview’s interred for many LCHS “Ghost Tours” in the past. Deborah is a member of Fort Virginia Point Chapter #2539 United

Daughters of the Confederacy® and Sam Houston Chapter NSDAR where she used her research and genealogy skills as a Registrar for her UDC chapter and as Volunteer Genealogist for her DAR chapter.

Bill Mayo reminded all that he takes pictures of all BAGS members for the yearbook. If you do not like your picture and want a new one, or do not have a picture in the yearbook please come see him. So all new members need to get in touch with him for your new picture.

Program – Susie Ganch, 2nd Vice President for Programs – Introduction of our speaker: Irene Walters from Clayton Library presents “Fa’ilte (welcome) – to your Irish Ancestry!”

Irene Walters presented a very detailed computer show with 4 pages of websites and other locations for Irish research. Some interesting notes about Irish in the 21st century are: Irish is the most claimed ancestry after German. Notes to assist with research regarding the 1940 census was named the Eire Republic of Ireland. Most records are digitized on line and have indexes available. Irene showed how she followed her family line and problems she encountered and how they were solved.

Susie Ganch commented that Irene wanted her BAGS donation to be made to Clayton Library in her honor.

Future Events were discussed. Recap session and Members Helping Members Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Clayton Library Bus Trip Wednesday July 18, 2018. Next Board meeting Monday July 23, 2018. Next General Meeting Friday July 27, 2018.

August 22-25, 2018 Fort Wayne, Indiana Federation of Genealogical Societies 2018 National Conference – FGS returns to the Hoosier State in 2018 providing attendees convenient access to Allen County Public Library which houses one of the largest genealogical research collections available with records from around the world. More information at fgs.org. BAGS will give a \$100 incentive to someone going to meeting and willing to take notes and report back to BAGS.

November 2-4, 2018. Texas State Genealogical Society asks you to save the date for its 2018 Family history Conference. This year’s event is stated for November 2-4, 2018, in San Antonio, TX at the Omni San Antonio at the Colonnade. More information at TxSGS.org. BAGS will give a \$50 incentive to someone going to meeting and willing to take notes and report back to BAGS.

Susie Ganch passed out a ½ survey sheet for BAGS members to complete. This survey is about dates and times members may like to have future meetings and activities. Return survey to Susie or Bob or any officer of BAGS. Thanks.

Please return your name tag to a member before you leave. We reuse these name tags monthly.

Nick Cimino closed the meeting at 8:36 pm