

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 31, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Nick Cimino, President.

George Porterfield, led in the reciting of the U.S. and Texas – Pledge of Allegiance –

Nick Cimino, President, introduced the visitors. He then reviewed announcements and upcoming events as listed in the Agenda.

Susie Ganch introduced the speakers for the evening. The program was presented by Detective Recie Tisdale, League City Police Department Criminal Investigation Division and genealogist, Shera LaPoint.

Officer Tisdale reviewed the police work completed by the League City Police Department at the time, as well as, the work completed by the Cold Case Division more recently. Due to advancements in DNA and increased public interest in genetic testing the police department decided to use forensic DNA analysis called “phenotyping” coupled with genealogy DNA family research to attempt to identify Jane Doe and Janet Doe, 30- year old cold cases. The department sought help from genealogist to assist them. They contacted local genealogist, Nick Cimino and Shera LaPoint from Louisiana.

Shera LaPoint, shared with the group how the genealogist assisted the police department using genealogy to help with the family trees that were being built and researching potential family members through various databases to help identify Jane Doe, now known as Donna Gonsoulin Prudhomme and Janet Doe, now known as Audrey Lee Cook.

Officer Tisdale made a presentation to both Nick Cimino and Shera LaPoint for their assistance with the case. Each were presented with a letter of appreciation from Gary D. Ratliff, Chief of Police and the League City Police Department Chief’s Coin of Excellence for Outstanding Performance.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Rundell