

Bay Area Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting –Friday, June 28, 2019
University Baptist Church, Houston, Texas (UBC) Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 7 pm by Vice-President George Porterfield

U.S and Texas – Pledge of Allegiance – led by Vice-President George Porterfield

Biblical reading and prayer provided by member Jeanine Lawrence

George Porterfield welcomed 6 visitors: Linda Odegar and Dan Caley from LaPorte, Brandi Wederboh from Friendswood, Tamera Reed from League City, and Amy Hoke with her mother Patti from Houston.

The following announcements were made by George and other members:

- Be sure to sign on the sheets in the entrance area. The sign-in sheets show a red mark is beside the names of those that need to renew. 114 members have renewed and 26 have not.
- Journal Editor Melodey Hauch reported the next issue of the Journal would be published in August and requested any submissions be made in the next two weeks.
- Judy Zavalla has agreed to serve as the Society's Members Services Committee Chair. Please contact her if you need a ride to meetings or willing to provide a ride. Her number is 832-724-4353.
- Bill Mayo requested new members to have their picture taken for the Yearbook.
- Teresa Rundell requested members to send their stories or pictures of how Harvey impacted their lives.
- Susie Ganch noted the latest issue of the TSGS Stirpes contains an advertisement for the BAGS Dana Leeds September Seminar. Also noted that TSGS gives college scholarships.

Membership Policy and Bylaw Changes: George reviewed the proposed changes to membership policy and Bylaw changes. He noted this is the first time since the Society was formed that the due fee has been raised. Bill Mayo offered a change the wording in Membership policy, 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence begins with "New Members who join..." to be "Effective 1 July 2019, new members who join..." Bob Wegner and Olieta Teas made 1st and 2nd the motions respectively. The group approved unanimously. Jeanine Lawrence asked the amounts assigned to each category: Contributor - \$5-\$29, Benefactor - \$30-\$49, Patron - \$50-

\$599, Lifetime membership - \$600 or higher. Group unanimously passed both the membership policy and bylaw changes.

Drawing: Polly Swerdlin hosted a random drawing giveaway of two free subscriptions to RootsMagic 7 Software. First winner was Bob Keller (#11) and second winner was Visitor Patti (#15).

Program: Susie Ganch, 2nd VP for Programs, introduced the speaker Kevin Kinney, Archivist at Galveston and Texas History Center (GTHC) located in Rosenberg Library, Galveston, TX. The handout, seven pages listing collection materials, was emailed to BAGS members prior to the meeting. Kevin noted that Rosenberg Library is celebrating 115 birthday after opening in 1904. This library is now a Family History Center affiliate. There is ongoing work to digitize the GTHC materials by volunteers. They are looking for reliable volunteers to help with the scanning. Kevin discussed what materials are found in the vertical files and manuscript collections. There are tax records from 1870s, school records from 1890s, and Galveston Insurance Board and property deed records.

Future Events:

Thursday, July 11 from 10am to noon BAGS Members Helping Members Research Working Session - Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood

Friday, July 26, 2019 – BAGS General Meeting 6:30 Social, 7pm Meeting- Speaker: Mitch Clendening presents “Going Mobile: Apps, Tips and Tricks for the Mobile Genealogist”

Wednesday, July 31 at 10am to 11:45am Friendswood LDS Family History Center Orientation and Help Session. Address: 505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood; Enter building on backside.

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 9:00am to 4pm- Bus trip to Clayton Library Board the bus at Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center located at 16511 Diana Lane, Houston. Call Deborah Gammon at 281-334-4950 to be added to the list or email: gammondc@gmail.com

October 11-13, 2019 TxSGS.org Annual History Conference is in Houston!- BAGS will send a contingent and have an exhibit table- We need volunteers to sit at the BAGS table in the exhibit hall and to assist with introducing speakers and registration;
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Meet adjourned 8:17pm