

**Bay Area Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting
Friday, August 23, 2019
University Baptist Church, Houston, Texas (UBC CHAPEL)**

Set up for Potluck and Show and Tell 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm

Deborah Gammon announced: Sign in sheet for Clayton bus trip on back table, need 9 members to be able to go to Clayton Library. Now will need to donate \$3 to the County per person. Money to be collected when you board the bus September 18, 2019.

Prayer by Jeanine Lawrence before meal. George Porterfield, 1st VP asked all members and guests to sign the sign in sheet being passed around.

Dinner began 6:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by George Porterfield, 1st VP.

U.S. AND TEXAS - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by George Porterfield, 1st VP.

George welcome new members and 3 visitors. He also announced that the new journal issue is available and may be picked up from Melodey Hauch at back table.

George reminded everyone that membership renewal time is here. Dues for 2019-2020 membership year are due now. Please pay your dues at the membership table (see Polly Swerdlin) or mail them. Registration form is on the website.

Announcement from the floor: Dick Warrant, past BAGS president, has passed and his obituary is available to read.

Election of Officers - Susie Ganch, representing the Nominating Committee introduced the proposed slate of officers for 2019-2020:

- President - Nick Cimino
- 1st Vice President - Lisa Smith
- 2nd Vice President - Susie Ganch
- Registrar - Bob Wegner
- Treasurer - Bill Mayo
- Corresponding Secretary - Teresa Rundell
- Recording Secretary - Kitty Olsen

There were no additional nominations from the floor. Motion made by Barbara Moore to accept slate of officers by acclamation. This motion was seconded by George Porterfield 1st VP. The slate was approved by acclamation.

Program: Show and Tell by members.

Bill Mayo told of his great-great father's bookbinding trade and found out his great-great grandfather was Thomas Jefferson's last bookbinder and had bound the Jefferson Bible. He said that he had made the discovery about his great-great grandfather from a book that he had found using Google and then

purchased on-line. He suggested that, if you are hitting brick walls, continue searching and don't give up.

Virginia Whynott told how after a visit to Fredericksburg, Texas she compiled the history of the USS Colorado. She also attends many reunions and brings her history and poster. The remaining members of the ship's crew appreciate hearing about their old crew members and their families.

Another member's family came from Mansfield and Long Star Community which is no longer around. Her family fought in the San Jacinto battles and received 3,000 acres of land.

Barbara Moore discussed two books she has written. Her brother disappeared during the depression and she tracked him down as a hobo who travelled across country on trains. She later found a great uncle who led the same lifestyle. She verified through records that her family is American Indian (Georgia) and Cherokee Nation (by blood) and by marriage. So that ends that question.

Oletia Teas found a decades old edition of a Christian Science Monitor. Since she is from the Teas Nursery family, she wondered what it was saved for. Inside she found pictures of flowers and plants which would have interested her relatives. She plans to a painting (or more) from the pictures.

A member had come to a dead end when he googled his ancestor and found a college had a history on him.

Teresa Rundell, BAGS Historian introduced the scrapbook for the BAGS association for anyone to come and view.

Susie Ganch showed her artistic talent with a family tree displayed on a metal tree. She also showed two framed plaques where a penny with the same date as many family events were used to highlight each event.

George Porterfield, continuing with the theme of "keep trying" told how recently going back again to the Library Archive Canada web site resulting in finding a digitized Canadian military service record recently added to the site for his wife's "long lost uncle" from World War I. This led him to several other finds for this uncle in the past week.

David Cate showed pictures and gave history of his family from the Mayflower to the present and showed pictures and history of his many trips to locate places his family had been located.

After the program, George again reminded everyone about some future events:

- Friendswood Family History Center Orientation and Help sessions Wednesday, August 28 and Wednesday, September 11 from 10 am to 11:45 am.
- Bus trip to Clayton Library, Wednesday September 18, 2019 from 9 am to 4 pm. \$3 cash donation is required.
- Friday, September 27, 2019 at 7 pm BAGS General Meeting Speaker: Dana Leeds presents "DNA Basics,"
- Saturday, September 28, 2019 - BAGS presents Dana Leeds Seminar from 10 am to 2 pm "DNA Match Clustering." Registration is required. \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members and box lunch for \$8. Register on BAGS website and pay with a credit card or print form and mail it in.

- 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 staff the BAGS table in the exhibit hall and to assist with introducing speakers and registration; OMNI HOUSTON HOTEL AT WESTSIDE, 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77079 Phone 281 558 8338.

Meeting adjourned 8:07 pm

Respectively submitted,
Recording Secretary
Kathie Chaffee
8/24/19