

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 27, 2019
University Baptist Church, Houston, Texas (UBC)

Call To Order – Nick Cimino, BAGS President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – George Porterfield, BAGS 1st VP, led the pledge to the U.S. and Texas flag.

Welcome to Visitors and New Members – Nick Cimino welcomed 10 visitors.

Announcements

- **Sign-in sheets** – Nick Cimino reminded everyone to sign in on the members/visitor's sheets provided in the entry hall and he requested that all visitors include either their email or postal address.
- **BAGS Journal.** Melodey Hauch, BAGS Journal Editor, encouraged members to submit an article to the upcoming issue of the BAGS journal with an expected deadline of late January 2020. Melody also stated she had copies of journals for new members.
- **Membership Report-** Bob Mayo, BAGS Registrar, reported that currently 162 members have renewed and 95 have not renewed; sign-in sheets indicate with a red mark next to a member's name if that member has not renewed. Nick Cimino stated that on October 1, members will be able to renew their membership on the BAGS website using either a credit card or PayPal account; new members will also be able to apply for membership via the BAGS website using a credit card or PayPal account.
- **Announcements from the floor**
 - Deborah Gammon reported that although the September bus trip to Clayton Library had to be cancelled due to tropical storm, Imelda, an additional bus trip to the library will be scheduled on Tuesday, November 26 as a makeup. Deborah also reported that everyone who had registered for the bus trip on September 18 have been added to the list for the bus trip to Clayton Library scheduled for Wednesday, November 6.
 - Sue Moyer announced an upcoming virtual genealogy fair from the National Archives on Wednesday, October 23 from 9 am – 3 pm (Central) that will be available on YouTube; more information on how to access the presentations is available from www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair; a handout describing the virtual fair will be provided in the materials for the BAGS seminar on Saturday, September 28.
 - Nick Cimino announced that registration for the BAGS seminar on Saturday, September 28 is available following the general meeting and on Saturday prior to the start of the seminar as well.

Installation of Officers – George Porterfield, 1st Vice President, conducted the installation of the following officers (Lisa Smith, 1st Vice President Elect, was not in attendance due to a previous commitment and will be installed at a later date):

- Nick Cimino, President
- Susie Ganch, 2nd Vice President
- Kitty Olson, Recording Secretary
- Teresa Rundell, Corresponding Secretary
- Bill Mayo, Treasurer
- Bob Wegner, Registrar

Future Events

Saturday, September 28, 2019 – BAGS presents **Dana Leeds Seminar** from 10am to 2pm “DNA Match Clustering: The Leeds Method, Automated Adaptations, and Working with Clusters.”

Wednesday, October 9, Members Helping Members at Friendswood LDS Family History Center. Address: 505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood; entrance to the building is on the backside of the Center.

October 11-13, 2019 TxSGS.org Annual History Conference hosted at the OMNI Houston Hotel, 13210 Katy Freeway, Texas Phone: (281) 558-8338.

Nick Cimino reported that BAGS will have an exhibit table and is sending a contingent as well as a Delegate, George Porterfield, to the conference. Nick encouraged all to attend this conference if possible and for members to consider volunteering to sit at the BAGS table in the exhibit hall and/or assist with registration or speaker introductions. Kim Zrubek offered to provide a ride on Saturday, October 11 for several people if needed.

Friday, October 25, 2019 at 7pm BAGS General Meeting Speaker: Doryn Glenn, Director of Governmental Affairs for District Clerk of Galveston County, will present “Searching Court Records and What Types Of Information Can Be Found”; meet in the Chapel on the 1st Floor in UBC, 6:30 pm for socializing and the meeting begins at 7 pm.

November 6 and November 26, 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.

Program – Susie Ganch, 2nd Vice President, introduced the speaker, Dana Leeds, who presented a program on “DNA Basics”. Dana holds a bachelor’s degree in biology education and has been conducting genealogy research for over 20 years. Dana developed the Leeds Method of color clustering to assist genealogists and adoptees to easily sort and interpret DNA test results. A two-page handout, “An Introduction to DNA: Working with Your DNA Matches”, was distributed to the meeting attendees and Dana explained that this presentation was meant as an introduction to using DNA results.

Dana will also be conducting a seminar, “DNA Match Clustering: The Leeds Method, Automated Adaptations, and Working with Clusters”, on Saturday, September 28 at University Baptist Church from 10 am – 2 pm.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.