

**Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Friday, November 22, 2019**  
**University Baptist Church, Houston, Texas**

**Call To Order** – Lisa Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**U.S. and Texas Pledge of Allegiance** – George Porterfield, Sergeant-at-Arms, led the pledge to the U.S. and Texas flags.

**Welcome to Visitors and New Members** – Lisa welcomed one visitor, Boy Scout James Williams who is currently working on obtaining his Eagle rank.

**Announcements**

- **Sign-in sheets** – Lisa reminded everyone to sign the members/visitor's sheets provided in the entry hall and requested that all visitors include either their email or postal address.
- **Please contribute content to the BAGS Journal** – Lisa encouraged members to share a story, photo, record, etc. for the next edition of the Journal.
- **Membership Report** – Lisa reported that there are currently 80 members who have renewed and 76 who have not renewed. Lisa reminded members that they can check the sign-in sheets for a red mark next to your name to determine if you have renewed and that online registration is now available on the BAGS website: [txbayareagen.org](http://txbayareagen.org).
- **No General meeting in December** – Lisa announced no general meeting will be held in December but a holiday luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, see details below under "Future Events". Kim Zrubek sent an email to members with the information on the holiday luncheon. Garry Garrett added that attendees to the luncheon should park in the rear of the restaurant and use the back entrance as the back of the restaurant is reserved for our group; lunch will be "dutch" and ordered from the menu.
- **Announcements from the floor**
  - Deborah Gammon announced that she currently has 8 people signed up for the scheduled bus trip to the Clayton Library on Tuesday, November 26. Deborah will have to cancel the bus trip unless 9 people sign up for the trip. She also reminded members that there is a nominal charge of \$3.00 per person for the bus trip and that everyone should bring their lunch.

**Future Events**

**November 26, 2019 from 9:00am to 4pm- Bus trips 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](mailto:gammondc@gmail.com)

**Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 1:30pm BAGS Holiday Luncheon** at the South Shore Grill, 2800 Marina Bay Drive, League City, TX 77573

**Friday, January 31, 2020 at 7:00pm BAGS General Meeting** Members share tips and tricks

**Program** – Susie Ganch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, introduced the speaker: Gale French, a member of BAGS, who presented the program, “Using DNA Painter for Chromosome Mapping”. Gale retired from IBM where he worked in the US Space program at NASA’s Johnson Space Center. Currently he volunteers with DNA Detectives in assisting adoptees to locate their biological family. A two-page handout, “DNA Painter”, was distributed to the meeting attendees.

**Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.