

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) – General Membership Meeting
Friday, January 31, 2020
University Baptist Church (UBC), Houston, Texas

Call To Order – Nick Cimino, BAGS 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 – Nick welcomed all to the first general meeting of 2020.

Announcements

- **Sign-in sheets** – Nick reminded everyone to sign the members/visitor's sheets provided in the entry hall and that any name listed in "red" indicates that the member's dues are past due.
- **Please contribute content to the BAGS Journal** – Melodey Hauch, Journal Editor, announced that the content of the upcoming BAGS Journal will be finalized at the end of February with an expected publication date in March 2020.
- **Membership Report** – Nick announced that 100 members have renewed and 71 have not renewed. He also reminded members that online registration is now available on our website: txbayareagen.org.
- **Yearbook** – Nick announced that members should see Billy Mayo after the meeting if a photo or an updated photo of a member is needed for the Yearbook or if members prefer, they may email a photo to the following email address: yearbook@txbayareagen.org.

Announcements from the floor – David Zwahr encouraged members to see the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Bernardo de Galvez Chapter's website as this SAR chapter is raising funds to build and maintain a statue of Bernardo de Galvez. A link to this local SARS chapter is available from the BAGS website under the tab, Links.

Future Events

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 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

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, **Members Helping Members** at Friendswood LDS Family History Center. Address: 505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood; Enter building on backside.

Friday, February 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm **BAGS General Meeting** Speaker: Jennifer Ross-Nazal, JSC Historian will talk about the **JSC Archives access and their Oral History Project**

Program – Susie Ganch, 2nd Vice President, introduced the speakers for the program, **Members Tips and Tricks**, as follows:

- Susie Ganch, *Genealogical Research on Pinterest*
- Polly Swerdin, *RootsMagic*
- Nick Cimino, *Using City Directories*
- Melodey Hauch, *Find A Grave and BillionGraves*
- Kim Zrubek, *Family Search*

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.