

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) - General Membership Meeting
Friday, February 28, 2020
University Baptist Church (UBC), Houston, Texas

Call To Order – Nick Cimino, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

U.S. and Texas – Pledge of Allegiance – Billy Mayo, Treasurer, led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Welcome to Visitors and New Members – Nick welcomed the following four visitors to the meeting: Sherry and Ray Spell, B.A. “Pinky” Davies and Judy Monthy; all four visitors joined following the meeting.

Announcements

- **Sign-in sheets** – Nick reminded everyone to sign the members/visitor’s sheets provided in the entry hall.
- **Please contribute content to the BAGS Journal** – Nick encouraged members to contribute to the BAGS Journal. Melodey Hauch, Journal Editor, announced that articles are needed for the edition of the Journal planned for August 2020.
- **Membership Report** – Nick announced that the number of current members and the number of members who have not yet renewed is currently under review. He reminded members that online registration is now available on our website at txbayareagen.org. He also informed members that they can check the sign-in sheets located in entry hall for a “red” mark next to your name to determine if you have not yet renewed.
- **Yearbook** – Nick announced that the Yearbook is under development and 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** – Debbie Kirk is considering attending the New Braunfels Founding Family Event on Saturday, March 21 and asked if any other members are considering attending; several members indicated that are considering attending the event.

Future Events – Nick encouraged members to attend the following events:

Friday, April 3 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, March 18, 2020, Members Helping Members at Friendswood LDS Family History Center. Address: 505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood; Enter building on backside.

Friday, March 27, 2020 at 7pm BAGS General Meeting Speaker: Samantha Bruer, Archivist for Houston Public Library will talk about how to preserve family documents and photos

Program – Nick Cimino presented this month’s topic, Tips and Tricks for Using City Directories in Genealogical Research, based on a case study of Hispanic surnames in Houston. Nick provided a handout to members summarizing the key points of his presentation.

Adjournment – Nick adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.