

## **Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) – General Membership Meeting Agenda**

**Saturday, August 28, 2021, 12 pm - 3 pm**

University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX

**Welcome** – Lisa Smith, BAGS President, welcomed new members and visitors to the meeting.

**Members enjoy buffet** – Jeannine Lawrence read a bible verse and said a prayer prior to the buffet.

**Call to Order** – Lisa called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Billy Mayo, Treasurer, led the group in the pledge to the United States of America flag and the pledge to the Texas state flag.

**Welcome to Visitors and New Members** – Lisa welcomed new members and visitors to the meeting and reminded visitors that they may attend two meetings prior to joining BAGS.

### **Announcements**

- **Board of Directors Elections:** Lisa reminded those members who had not cast a ballot that a paper ballot was available and must be turned in to her by 12:30 pm. Lisa called for nominations from the floor; no nominations were submitted. Lisa thanked Billy Mayo for serving as the Treasurer for eight years. Lisa tallied the election ballots with the assistance of Polly Swerdlin and Garry Garrett. She announced the election results and informed members that the officers will be sworn into office at the September meeting. The elected officers are:
  - **President:** Lisa Smith (incumbent)
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:** Jane Martin
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** Rebecca Jones (incumbent)
  - **Treasurer:** Susie Ganch
  - **Registrar:** George Porterfield (incumbent)
  - **Recording Secretary:** Kitty Olson (incumbent)
  - **Correspondence Secretary:** Teresa Rundell (incumbent)
- **Membership Report:** Lisa announced the number of current members is 153.
- **Membership Renewals:** Lisa announced that membership renewals began July 1 for the new membership year beginning on September 1, 2021. Lisa announced that a new membership level, student, is now available for \$10 per year.
- **New Members Password:** Lisa announced that a new member password would be available on September 1, 2021. Members will be informed of the new password via an e-mail that will include the Members Guide (password listed on page 2). Members may also contact any Board member to obtain the new password.
- **Journal:** Lisa encouraged members to write an article for the upcoming Journal. Guidelines and deadlines are available on the Members Only page. She also announced that at the end of the year a drawing will be held to award one author of a Journal article a BAGS Goodie Bag.
- **Announcements from the floor:** Lisa informed the audience that if they had an announcement or question to raise their hand. Lisa announced that Gayle French would conduct a Google Earth workshop at the Friendswood Public Library on September 10 at 10:30 am.

**Future Events** – Lisa encouraged members to attend the following BAGS events and to access the various genealogical events that are posted on the sidebar of the website.

- **Members Helping Members:** Designed to provide an avenue for member sharing about recent research discoveries or accomplishments and provide a means to ask for assistance with roadblocks. See website for details.
  - **Online via Zoom #1 – Monday mornings at 10 AM**  
Moderators: Renee Ball and George Porterfield
  - **Online via Zoom #2 – Monday evenings at 7 PM**  
Moderator: Kim Zrubek
  - **Online via Zoom #3 – 1st Sunday of each month at 2 PM**  
See the sidebar for details on dates.  
Moderator: Kim Zrubek, Initial focus on Tips and Tricks Using Family Search.

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- **In-Person – The Friendswood Family History Center – September 1 at 9:30 AM**  
Open only to BAGS members for research. Bring your own laptop and use their Wi-Fi or use one of their six computers.

- **German Special Interest Group** – Lisa announced that the German SIG will not meet in September and that members will be informed of the dates/times once the meetings will resume.
- **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**: Lisa announced the plans for celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BAG at an in-person holiday party scheduled for Saturday, December 11 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Lonestar Flight Museum; a minimal cost of \$5 per person will cover a catered lunch and a tour of the museum.
- **Bus trips to Clayton Library**: Lisa announced that 7 members attended the bus trip on Tuesday, August 17 and she thanked Deborah Gammon, County Coordinator, for her efforts to acquire a larger bus as Harris County has restricted the bus capacity due to COVID restrictions.

Lisa announced that the next bus trips are scheduled for Tuesday, September 14 and Wednesday, October 6. Due to current COVID restrictions, the bus will accommodate only 8 people and masks are required. Members may contact Deborah Gammon, [CountyCoord@txbayareagen.org](mailto:CountyCoord@txbayareagen.org), for additional information.

Lisa also reminded members that Deborah Gammon is retiring as the County Coordinator following the October bus trip and she emphasized that unless members volunteer to assume the County Coordinator and one County Coordinator Alternate positions these bus trips will be discontinued. Lisa also announced the need for a Telephone Committee Chairperson and unless a member is willing to assume this position phone calls to the membership reminding them of an upcoming meeting will be discontinued as well.

- **Other upcoming events**: See the sidebar of BAGS' website for links.

**Tonight's Program** – Three members present their genealogical treasures: Susie Ganch, Annette Bowen and Sharon Cress. A video recording of the program will be available on the website on the Members Only page.

**Next General Meeting** – Lisa announced that the next meeting will be a virtual meeting and is scheduled for Friday, September 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The speaker, Diane L. Richard, will present the topic, Early Migration In, Across, and Out of North Carolina.

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