**Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) – General Membership Meeting Agenda**
**Saturday, April 23, 2022, 12:00 pm**
University Baptist Church, Middlebrook Rd, Houston, TX

<u>**Setup & Social Time**</u> – 11:00 a.m.
<u>**Opening Remarks**</u> – 12:00 p.m. Lisa Smith, President, announced that the month of April is International Volunteers Month and she stressed how important volunteers are to the success of BAGS.
<u>**Potluck buffet**</u> – 12:15 p.m.
<u>**Call to Order**</u> – Lisa called the general meeting to order at 12:58 p.m.

<u>**Welcome to Visitors and New Members**</u> – Lisa welcomed new members and visitors to the first in-person meeting of 2022. Lisa reminded visitors that they are invited to attend two meetings prior to joining BAGS.

<u>**Announcements**</u>
- **Membership Report**: Lisa announced that the number of current members is 164.
- **Volunteer signup**: Lisa encouraged members to sign up for one of the open board positions at the Volunteer table located at the back of the room. Lisa announced that if a member volunteers for one of the positions and remains in that position until the end of 2022 they will receive a free membership for next year. She also announced that two board positions, 2nd Vice President and Newsletter Chair, are critical positions that need to be filled. Lisa also encouraged members to attend a board meeting.
- **Announcements from the floor**: Raise your hand to make any announcements.

<u>**Future Events**</u> **–** Lisa encouraged members to attend the following BAGS events and to access the various 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**
    Moderator: Kim Zrubek, Initial focus on Tips and Tricks Using Family Search.

  - **In-Person – The Friendswood Family History Center – 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 AM**
    **Next session April 20**. 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 – Online via Zoom 2nd Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**
  Moderators: George Porterfield and Karen Engelauf.

- **Brick Wall Special Interest Group – Online via Zoom Sunday May 15 at 1:00-3:00 PM**
  Moderator: Kathleen Williams.

- **Bus Trips**: Lisa announced that ten members attended the bus trip on Tuesday, April 5 and that no bus trip to Clayton Library is scheduled for May**.**

- **"Clayton Library Meet Up" Saturday, June 11 –** Lisa announced that members are invited to attend a BAGS sponsored library meet up at Clayton Library on Saturday, June 11. Members may drive their own vehicle or carpool with other members. Bring a lunch, a flash drive to save records from the computer, and change in coin and dollar bills to make copies from books. Members who need more information can either see the website for additional details or contact CountyCoord@txbayareagen.org. Lisa announced that members may sign-up to attend the library meet up on the sheet provided at the Volunteer table.

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

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**Today's Program –** Lisa announced the program, Tips and Tricks, which was presented by the following members:
- Kim Zrubek:  The 1950 Census
- Susie Ganch: How to print on fabric with an Ink Jet Printer and Enhance photos
- Deborah Gammon:  How to Clean Headstones
- Kathleen Williams: Interesting Genealogy Websites
- Polly Swerdlin: Billion Graves Transcribing
- David Zwahr – Clayton Library Digital Scanner
- George Porterfield – Cell Phone Genealogy Tools

**Next General Meeting – Friday, May 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM Online via Zoom**
- Lisa announced the speaker for the May meeting is Diane Warmsley, who will present the topic, The People of the West Indies and Their History.

**Adjournment –** Lisa adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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