

Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) – General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 28, 2022, 12:00 PM

University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Rd, Houston, TX

Call to Order – Lisa Smith, President, called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Pledges of Allegiance – Lisa led the pledge of allegiance to the USA and Texas flags. Jeanine Lawrence offered the prayer before lunch.

Welcome to Visitors and New Members – Lisa welcomed three visitors to the meeting and encouraged them to join.

- **Membership Report:** Lisa announced that the number of current members is 181.
- **Membership Renewals:** Lisa announced that membership renewals are due now.

Announcements

- **Resignation of Officer:** Lisa announced that upon the resignation of the 1st VP in November, Teresa Rundell assumed the role of 1st VP Acting and Kitty Olson assumed the role of Corresponding Secretary Acting. Kitty will also continue in her role as Recording Secretary.
- **Yearbook Editor:** Lisa welcomed Garry Garrett back to the Board as the Yearbook Editor.
- **Nominating Committee** – Lisa announced that election of officers will be held in November and as required by the Bylaws a nominating committee will be formed to identify a slate of candidates. She encouraged members to sign up to be a member of the committee. Lisa announced that a sign-up sheet was available at the Registrar's table.
- **Announcements from the floor:** Raise your hand to make any announcements.

Future Events – Lisa encouraged members to attend the following 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 members to share 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 10:00 AM**
Moderators: Renee Ball and George Porterfield
 - **Online via Zoom #2 – Monday evenings at 7:00 PM** (except February 20 due to Board meeting)
Moderator: Kim Zrubek
 - **In-Person – The Friendswood FamilySearch Center – 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 AM**
Next meeting **February 15**. Open only to BAGS members for research. Bring your own laptop and use their Wi-Fi or use one of their six computers.
 - **In-Person – Helen Hall Library – January 29 2:00-4:00 PM**
(Boardroom) 100 W Walker St, League City, TX 77573. Open only to BAGS members for research. Bring your own laptop and use their Wi-Fi. Immediately followed by...
- **Meet N Munch – January 29 4:00-6:00 PM** at Red River BBQ in League City.
- **German Special Interest Group – Online via Zoom 2nd Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**
Next session **February 8**. Moderators: George Porterfield and Karen Engelauf.
- **Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group – Online via Zoom Monday afternoons at 1:00 PM**
Moderator: Renee Ball.
- **Clayton Bus Trips – February 22**
Meet at 16511 Diana Lane, Houston at 9:15am. Bring a lunch, coins/dollar bills, and a flash drive to save records. We must have at least 10 members attending, confirmed at least 2 weeks in advance. For more information and to sign up, please contact Kathleen Williams at CountyCoord@txbayareagen.org or go to the sidebar or Trips page of the website.
- **Educational Session – March 25 2:00 PM** to be held at the Friendswood Public Library, *Using Timelines to Focus Your Research*, recorded video by Susan Ball.
- **Save the date! Member Appreciation Seminar – Saturday April 22 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM**
 - Diana Elder (FamilyLocket.com) will present *Research Like a Pro*; 4 sessions will be available. Watch the website for details.

Today's Program – *The History of New York*

- Lisa introduced the speaker, Fred Roe, who is a member of BAGS. Fred grew up in a small town 20 miles west of Boston, Mass. He attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in upstate NY to pursue a degree in electrical engineering. Fred went to work for IBM and met his wife Susan who was from the area. They raised their family of 2 boys and 1 girl there. Through volunteer work, attending many presentations and independent research, Fred learned about New York and began giving talks at lifetime learning classes and genealogical clubs.

Next General Meeting – **Friday, February 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM (virtual)**

- Lisa announced that the speaker for February is Cari Taplin who will present the topic "How'd You Find That?".

Adjournment – Lisa adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.