



Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)

General Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 26, 2023

Call to Order – Teresa Rundell, 1st Vice President, called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

- **Membership Report:** Teresa announced that the number of current members is 155.

Announcements

- **National Genealogical Society (NGS) Delegate & Committee Alternates** – Teresa announced that the Board is seeking a member to serve as a NGS Delegate; the NGS Delegate serves as the BAGS liaison to the NGS. Teresa also encouraged members to consider volunteering to serve as an alternate on one of the standing committees. Two members volunteered to serve as the NGS Delegate: Suzy Zimmerman and Brenda DuShane.
- **Nominating Committee** – Teresa announced that members who are either interested in serving on the Board or wish to nominate a member to serve on the Board should contact Kim Zrubek, Nominating Committee Chair, at education@txbayareagen.org.
- **Bylaws Changes**– Teresa announced that the roles of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary were consolidated under the role of Secretary and that a yearly internal financial audit was added to the Bylaws. Kitty Olson will serve as the Secretary and she can be reached at secretary@txbayareagen.org.

Future Events – Teresa encouraged members to attend the following events and she reminded members other upcoming events are listed on the sidebar of the website.

- **Members Helping Members:** Designed to provide an avenue for members to share recent research discoveries or accomplishments and to provide a means to assist members with roadblocks. See the website for details.
 - **Online via Zoom #1 – Monday mornings at 10:00 AM**
Moderators: Renee Ball and George Porterfield
 - **Online via Zoom #2 – Monday afternoons at 1:00 PM** Focus on Family Tree Maker
Moderator: Renee Ball
 - **Online via Zoom #3 – Monday evenings at 7:00 PM**
Moderator: Kim Zrubek
 - **In-Person – Friendswood FamilySearch Center – 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 AM**
Next meeting **June 21**. 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 – Clear Lake City Freeman Library Branch – Friday June 9 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM**
- **German Special Interest Group – Online via Zoom 2nd Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**
Next session **June 14**. Moderator: George Porterfield



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- **Clayton Bus Trips – Tuesday, June 27 from 9:15 AM – 4:00 PM**

Teresa announced that currently only 5 members have signed up for the bus trip and that 10 members are required and must be confirmed at least 2 weeks in advance of the scheduled date. Teresa announced that members will meet at 16511 Diana Lane, Houston at 9:15 AM. She also reminded members that both printing and copying materials at the library are currently unavailable so members will need to bring a flash drive to save records. Lunch is on your own. Teresa encouraged interested members to contact Kathleen Williams at countycoord@txbayareagen.org or go to the sidebar or the Trips page of the website.

- **Meet and Munch – Sunday, May 28 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM** at Red River BBQ in League City.

Tonight's Program – ThruLines[®] Maximize Your Ancestry DNA Results

- Teresa introduced the speaker, Patti Smith, who is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, National Genealogical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society. She is the General Meeting Administrator for the Dallas Genealogical Society and the former Director of Education for the Dallas Genealogical Society. Patti has pursued her passion for genealogy and family research since 2013.

Next General Meeting – Friday, June 30, 2023 at 7:00 PM (virtual)

- Teresa announced the speaker for June is Judy Russell who will present the topic, **Copyright Mythconceptions**.

Adjournment – Teresa adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.