



Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)

General Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 30, 2023

Call to Order – Lisa Smith, President, called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

- **Membership Report:** Lisa announced that the number of current members is 156.

Announcements

- **National Genealogical Society (NGS) Delegate** – Lisa announced that Brenda DuShane volunteered to be the delegate to NGS and that Suzy Zimmerman has volunteered to serve as the alternate delegate.
- **Committee help** – Lisa requested that if any member is willing to serve on a committee, please send an email to info@txbayareagen.org.
- **Nominations for officers** – Lisa announced that members who are either interested in serving as an officer or wish to nominate a member to serve should contact Kim Zrubek at education@txbayareagen.org. The officers are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar.

Future Events – Lisa 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 to their genealogical research. See the website for details.
 - **Online via Zoom #1 – Monday at 10:00 AM**
Moderators: Renee Ball and George Porterfield
 - **Online via Zoom #2 – Thursday at 7:00 PM** Focus on Family Tree Maker
Moderator: Renee Ball
 - **Online via Zoom #3 – Monday at 7:00 PM** (except July 24 due to Board meeting)
Moderator: Kim Zrubek
 - **In-Person – Friendswood FamilySearch Center – 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 AM**
Next meeting **July 19**. Open only to members for research. Members are encouraged to either bring a laptop and use the Center's Wi-Fi connection or use one of the Center's six computers.
 - **In-Person – Clear Lake - Freeman Library – Saturday, July 8 at 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**
- **German Special Interest Group – Online via Zoom 2nd Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**
Next session **July 12**. Moderators: George Porterfield and Karen Engelauf.
- **Clayton Library Bus Trips – TBD September**
Lisa announced that a bus trip to Clayton Library is planned for September, however, a date has yet to be finalized. She reminded members that we must have at least 10 members confirmed two weeks in advance of the scheduled date. Lisa announced that members will meet at 16511 Diana Lane, Houston at 9:15 AM. Printing and copying materials at the library are currently unavailable so members will need to bring a flash drive to save any records. Lunch is on your own. For more information, please



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contact Kathleen Williams at CountyCoord@txbayareagen.org or go to the sidebar or Trips page of the website.

- **Meet N Munch Social – Sunday, July 30 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM** at Jason's Deli located at 541 Bay Area Blvd, Webster, TX between the Gulf Freeway and Highway 3.

Tonight's Program – *Copyright Mythconceptions* by Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist

- Lisa introduced the speaker, Judy Russell, who is a genealogist with a law degree. Ms. Russell writes, teaches and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. Ms. Russell is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, and numerous state and regional genealogical societies. She holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM.
- Lisa announced that a recording of tonight's presentation will be available on our Members Only section of the website for 30 days. Lisa informed members that the recording of the presentation is copyrighted by Ms. Russell. The recording may not be downloaded, screen-captured or otherwise further recorded and may not be reproduced without the expressed written consent of Ms. Russell.

Next General Meeting – Friday, July 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM (virtual)

- Lisa announced the speaker for July is Diana Smith who will present the topic, It Takes a Village – Community Research.

August General Meeting – "Show & Tell" on Saturday, August 26 (in-person)

- Lisa reminded members that the August meeting will be held in-person at the University Baptist Church and she encouraged members to consider what they would like to share at the meeting.

Adjournment – Lisa adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.