



## Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)

### General Meeting Minutes

Prepared by Kitty Olson, Secretary

Saturday, August 26, 2023

**Call to Order** – Teresa Rundell, President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

**Welcome to Visitors and New Members** – Teresa welcomed two visitors, Preston and Ellen Armistead, to the meeting and announced Tom Bloom has joined the society.

- **Membership Report:** Teresa announced that the number of current members is 158.

### **Announcements**

- **Committee help, nominations for officers** – Teresa announced that members who are interested in either serving on a committee or serving as an officer for the 2024-2025 term should contact Cindy Austin at [newsletter@txbayareagen.org](mailto:newsletter@txbayareagen.org).
- **Changes to the Board** – Teresa announced that Jane Martin will assume the role of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and that Becky Jones will assume the role of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President until the end of 2023.
- **Announcements from the floor:** Raise your hand to make any announcements.

**Future Events** – Teresa encouraged members to attend the following events and she reminded members upcoming events are posted on the sidebar of the home page.

- **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 the website for details.
  - **Online via Zoom #1 – Monday mornings at 10:00 AM**  
Moderators: Renee Ball and George Porterfield
  - **Online via Zoom #2 – Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM** Focus on Family Tree Maker  
Moderator: Renee Ball
  - **Online via Zoom #3 – Monday evenings at 7:00 PM** (except Sept 25 due to Board meeting)  
Moderator: Kim Zrubek
  - **In-person MHM meeting - Freeman Library** will be **Friday, Sept 15 from 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM**
  - **In-Person – Friendswood FamilySearch Center – 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 AM**  
No meeting in September.
- **German Special Interest Group – Online via Zoom 2nd Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**  
Next session **Sept. 13, 2023**. Moderators: George Porterfield and Karen Engelauf.
- **Clayton Bus Trips – Tuesday, September 19, 2023**  
Teresa announced that a bus trip to Clayton Library is planned for Tuesday, September 19. She reminded members that we must have at least 10 members confirmed two weeks in advance of the scheduled date. Teresa announced that members will meet at 16511 Diana Lane, Houston at 9:15 AM. Printing/copying at the library is currently unavailable, so members will need to bring a flash drive to save records. Lunch is on your own. For more information and to sign up, contact Kathleen Williams at [countycoord@txbayareagen.org](mailto:countycoord@txbayareagen.org) or go to the sidebar or Trips page of the website.
- **Meet N Munch – Sunday, August 27, 2023 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** at Gringo's Mexican Kitchen located at 2202 Broadway St., Pearland.



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- **Tonight's Program, Members Show & Tell** – Teresa introduced the following members:
  - Annette Bowen: Family Heirlooms (Swedish Ancestors & Family Bible)
  - Gary Johnson: Family Heirlooms (First Lutheran Church, St. Ansgar, Iowa plus Family Photo Albums & Scrapbooks)
  - Tom Latson: Experiences visiting family cemeteries
  - Todd Roberts: Family Heirlooms (Scottish Birth Certificates)
  - Teresa Rundell: Family Heirlooms (Land Deeds)
  - Polly Swerdlin: Family Heirlooms (Grandfather's Diary as a soldier in Cuba, 1898).

### **Next General Meeting – Friday, September 29, 2023, at 7:00 PM** (virtual)

- Teresa announced the September meeting will be held virtually. The program, Finding Maiden Names: Let Me Count the Ways, will be presented by Paula Stuart Warren.

**Adjournment** – Teresa adjourned the meeting at 1:55 PM.