



Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)
General Meeting Minutes
Minutes Prepared by Kitty Olson, Secretary
Friday, September 29, 2023

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

Welcome to Visitors and New Members – Teresa welcomed visitors to the meeting and announced Jackie Britton, Jennifer Brabston and Beverly Nelson have joined the society.

- **Membership Report:** Teresa announced that the number of current members is 161.

Announcements

- **Changes in Committee Chair** – Teresa announced the following changes:
 - Education: Kathleen Williams
 - E-Mail Coordinator: Fred Roe
 - Yearbook: Luanne Newman.
- **Nomination of Officers** – Teresa encouraged members to submit their name for the upcoming election of officers. Teresa reminded members there are also committee positions available.
 - Teresa announced that nominations are needed for the elected position of Secretary and that the position, County Coordinator, needs to be filled.
- **2023 Texas State Genealogical Society Conference** (www.txsgs.org) – Roots and Branches: Climbing Your Family Trees is scheduled for November 10 –11, 2023.
 - Early Bird Registration starts September 30, 2023.
 - Our society receives a small compensation if you use the following link (<https://www.txsgs.org/2023-conference-registration/>) and the code, **BAGS**.

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 (MHM):** Designed to provide an avenue for members to share recent research discoveries or accomplishments and provide a means to ask for assistance with genealogical roadblocks. 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- resumes on October 5, 2023
Moderator: Renee Ball
- **Online via Zoom #3 – Monday at 7:00 PM** (except for Monday, Oct 23 due to Board meeting); follow-up sessions to the topic of the general meeting are scheduled as follows:
 - Oct. 2 - Maiden Names
 - Oct. 30 - On-line Tools to Connect with Family Members
 - Nov. 27 - Church Records.

Moderator: Kim Zrubek



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- **In-person MHM Meeting – Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Friendswood Public Library**
 - “Practical Application of Finding Maiden Names” – apply strategies presented at the September general meeting.
- **In-Person – Friendswood Family Search Center – 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 AM**
Meetings scheduled for October 18, 2023, November 15, 2023 and January 17, 2024
- **German Special Interest Group – Online via Zoom 2nd Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**
Change for October – Moderators, George Porterfield and Karen Engelauf, will meet current and interested members at King’s Bierhaus in League City on Saturday, October 21 at noon to enjoy time together with fellow members.
- **Clayton Bus Trips – TBA**
Meet at 16511 Diana Lane, Houston at 9:15am. **Printing/copying at the library is currently available with either a credit or debit card.** Be sure to bring a flash drive as another alternative to save records. Lunch is on your own. 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 our website.
- **Meet N Munch – Sunday, October 29, 2023, 4:00-6:00 PM** at Jason’s Deli located at 2755 Gulf Freeway South, League City near 646 and Kohl’s.

Tonight’s Program – Finding Maiden Names, Let Me Count the Ways by Paula Stuart-Warren.

- Teresa introduced the speaker, Paula Stuart-Warren, who is an internationally recognized genealogical educator, researcher and consultant focusing on unusual resources, manuscripts, methodology and records. Ms. Stuart-Warren also specializes in Native American research, the Work Progress Administration (WPA) and railroad records.

Next General Meeting – Saturday, October, 28, 2023 from 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM (In-Person)

- Teresa announced that the October meeting is a potluck luncheon which will be held at the University Baptist Church. Members are encouraged to bring an entrée, side dishes and/or desserts. The speaker for the October meeting is Nick Cimino who will present the topic “Got Lemons? Make Limoncello! – Building an International Genealogical Community”.

Adjournment – Teresa adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.