

## **Austin Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 2020, 6:30-8:00 PM.**

**Present:** Nan Kilkeary, Rob Richardson, Karen Liston, Diane Harvey Anderson, Beverly Pritchett, and Pat Murphree.

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

**April Financial Statement and Board Meetings Minutes** were approved through consent approval.

**Membership:** Membership has increased. AGS now has almost 200 members. Twenty-five former members renewed this month.

**Website:** Website is stalled due to illness of the developers and their work backlog. AGS Facebook page is now showing the beta website URL. This needs to be changed back to the URL for the current website.

**Quarterly:** Angela Doetsch, the current editor of the Quarterly, is retiring at the end of this year. Moving forward we need to decide whether to keep it. Based on MailChimp data, readership is low. Is the purpose of the Quarterly still relevant? Is the effort to publish the Quarterly worth the value to AGS members? Based upon this past year's volunteer rate, it may be very difficult to find someone to pick up this duty.

**Survey:** Nan decided that the Board needs to do another survey of the membership to find out their thoughts regarding what AGS should look like in the Fall. We need to know how much should be virtual verses in-person meetings and if AGS should continue with the Quarterly. Nan will get Beverly Pritchett the questions to develop the survey.

**Volunteers:** Inez Eppright is leaving AGS. She has three duties that we need a replacement for:

1) Open and close the church. Nan Kilkeary has that capability, but a backup is needed. (Update: Nan Kilkeary and John Marostica will both have this capability)

2) Prints and mails the Quarterlies. Depending on the decision on how we move forward with the Quarterlies, the Board may not need to find a volunteer for this responsibility.

3) Manage LLI for AGS. AGS needs to look for ways to co-opt other genealogical related classes rather than maintaining the responsibility. (Update: AGS will discontinue the separate LLI class and he will add "sponsored by the Austin Genealogical Society" to his, with a sign and handout of brochures.)

**Budget:** If we continue doing meetings virtually, we may be able to close the deficit for the year.

### **Programs:**

Next in-person meeting at the earliest September 2020.

Try to get more members involved in the virtual meetings.

Karen Liston will present for the May meeting.

Pat Murphree will present at meeting this year also.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:30 PM.