

Austin Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes
Oct 08, 2020, 7:00-8:30 PM.

Present: Nan Kilkeary, Diane Harvey Anderson, Beverly Pritchett, Patricia Murphree, Elizabeth Price, Karen Liston, Jim Bridges, and Rob Richardson.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. We have a quorum.

October Financial Statement and September Board Meetings Minutes were approved through consent approval.

John Marostica – passed away earlier this week. Information on services/memorial are unknown at this time, other than his brother is in town. Nan has reached out to him to find out more information.

Motion was made on changing the name of the Jean Marostica fund to cover the cost of Texas Institute of Genealogical Research to the John and Jean Marostica fund. Motion was approved.

Website: Website is very close to being completed. Diane and Karen are administrators to the site. Membership portion is set up. In order to get everyone to enter their data into the database, members will be given a coupon to sign on and enter their information. Website address is AustinGenealogicalSociety.org. This is a secure site now, so credit cards will now be secured.

The current website has a variety of historical Austin and Texas related archives that have been transcribed and a listing of resources in Travis and surrounding counties.

Survey: Karen led a committee to analyze the survey responses. Major outcomes of the discussion were:

- Maintain the Austin element to AGS Austin, otherwise there is no benefit to the society than any other society. Be a steward of Austin genealogical information.
- Don't ignore DNA & Research Strategies.
- Maintain the Quarterly or at least a publication.
- One individual knows of church registers that have not been transcribed. He has done one, but there are many others to do.
- A monthly coffee chat where a few users could get online regarding a specific topic.

Rob recommended that when we are able to have in-person meetings, we need to have a discussion of what the membership would like to see for the future.

Programs: We need to decide where are we going to meet when COVID-19 ends. The cost of using the church is about 50% of the membership fee. The meeting date/time was discussed and the majority wanted to remain weekday evening.

Pat will try to get someone from Ireland Reaching Out to speak at our December meeting.

November meeting will be November 17th, due to Thanksgiving.

December meeting will be December 12th.

Board Membership: Diane will get a committee together to get nominees.

Karen will take Membership

Erin will stay on Board, but does not want to be the Treasurer

Rob will help with Programs until a replacement can be found

Pat will help with finding speakers, but does not want to be the Program lead.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 PM.