

## AGS Board Meeting – 5 Aug 2021

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Diane at 6:06 present were Diane Harvey, Pat Murphree, Elizabeth Price, Nan Killeary, Max Trenck, Tracey Marcelo, Karen Liston and Belinda Brouette.

Minutes of July meeting were approved as submitted by Nan

### Treasurer's report

- Karen reported that in QuickBooks, income goes into a "holding tank"
- Money is shown in QB, but not how we got it.
- Elizabeth will contact Erin on this and will find someone to help her with QB to categorize the funds. People are joining AGS AND paying for the Seminar. Seminar registrants' number 33 currently.

### Membership update

- Karen reports 200 members.
- Nan states we had about 215 when we were meeting in person.
- General consensus is that AGS is doing very well in spite of the pandemic, the technology and amazing speakers have aided the Society very well.
- Pat asked about working on a school year basis. Nan stated that it has always been on the calendar year. The Bylaws state the membership is on a calendar basis.
- The Bylaws also state that 12 members are on the Board. Nan stated that this also includes four Committee Chairs, and currently those spots are empty. Thirty Society members shall constitute a quorum.
- Membership, Publications, Website, Education are some of the committees described in the Bylaws

### Programs

#### Seminar Advertising

- Diane will put up an ad on FB. Currently posted on Members Helping Members of AGS,
- Pat asked Karen if Diahn would list it on her website. Karen will ask.
- Karen has listed the seminar at Conference Keepers, and has submitted to TSGS, but TSGS has not posted the information.
- Pat asked we all look for Contact info of others in other Genealogy Societies to send them an email to spread to all the members in their groups.
- Enrollment of 33 for the Summer Seminar is less than expected, especially for a speaker such as Diahn.
- Diahn is to send to Karen handout materials, which Karen will distribute to all the registrants.
- Nan will send out an email blast before the seminar and include the seminar in that.

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- Karen will email all in AGS also on the seminar
- Diane will post the seminar on as many FB pages as she can.

## Upcoming Programs

- Michelle Leonard – Scottish and English Gen in Sep 25, sat
- Oct, Thomas McEntee – 1950 Census
- Nov – Sue Kaufman – the social talk
- Future Meetings
- Pat wants to get started on planning for 2022, and asks if we will be at home still.
- Pat wants to book now for several months into 2022.
- Karen asks about having an in-person meeting with a speaker on Zoom – likely need a hard-wired ethernet connection for the speaker. Rob still has the equipment used at the church.
- DO512.com – lists events on their website, al kinds of different things according to Pat, she suggests checking that site for Contact Us link; Karen will add our event to this website

## Texas State Genealogical Society

- Bill Buckner from Waco contacted Diane concerning a “Big Event” on 10/15, a statewide Genealogy event,
- Wants to know if they can get AGS to “participate” in this.
- No other groups in Central Texas are doing this.
- Diane says this just “feels weird,” and will tell him we will pass on this event.

## Book Donations

- We have been getting donations, now we have John Marostica’s books, which his family was going to toss. Books are separated into boxes.
- Nancy at AHS is interested in the “How To” book for beginners, and in Austin city and Travis County . There are other books for areas outside of Austin/Travis County and for outside of Texas. There are some published genealogies. Diane and a friend will catalog these.
- Another fellow inherited books from half-sister, already cataloged, these are listed as 12 boxes in our Google Workspace. These are ready to be picked up, he lives near Hula Hut.
- Diane expects a lot of extraneous books from these collections.
- Diane will contact the French Legation about a visit in September, Abd this may be a possible location for a social
- EventBrite is a possible place to post events, though posting at EventBrite is free for free events. For us there would be a fee of 3.5% plus \$1.59 per ticket. Not for us.
- Diane will donate to the AHS the Austin/Travis County specific books.

## Other Issues

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- Nan – re TOS change on Ancestry. Nan wonders if AGS should inform the members on the impact of this action. Pat said the Ancestry bought yearbooks, and used a photo from a yearbook in one of their ads and this person has sued. Discussion followed.
- Jim Bridges has throat cancer and is undergoing chemo. His wife just had surgery for a tumor on her pituitary gland. Shelly, Jim's daughter, has all the procedural stuff for the Thanksgiving Dinners that AGS had.
- Nan – we need to have someone audit the accounts. Elizabeth said that we did not do this for the end of 2020 due to COVID.

### Next Board Meetings

- September 9
- October 14
- November 11

Max reported he will be out of town for the September Board meeting and will need someone to step in and take meeting minutes. Karen volunteered to step in.

Meeting was adjourned around 8:30, with Max failing to note the exact time.