**Austin Genealogical Society**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**May 16, 2024**

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Present were Debbie U., Karen L., Pat M. Richard G. Tracey M. Elizabeth P., Diane H., Ann E., Adeliza T., Belinda B.

April Board Meeting minutes were not presented. They will be presented at the June board meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Elizabeth and Ann are working to finalize the financial report for April 2024 and will send it to board members once it has been verified to be accurate. Elizabeth noted that the account balances at the end of April were $10,233.76 for the checking account and $15,788.71 for the savings account.

**Programs:** May program is Blaine Bettinger on 5/28 on Using DNA for 18th and 19th century mysteries. Diane is considering Blaine for an Oct. 2025 seminar. June and July programs is Sarah Kroh presenting on Wikitree. Sarah will be in-person both months. August presentation is Annette Burke Lyttle, of Heritage Detective, presenting on using timelines as a research tool. Diane is working to connect with Rhonda Kevorkian to present in September. She works with the Restoring Names – DNA Doe Project and would be in-person. Diane will approach Kevin Klauss of the General Land Office to present on Texas Bounty Lands in Oct. or Nov.

**Tech:** The server migration was successful. Also, Diane reported that Kay Boyd has given her a couple of cemetery updates and asked for assistance in getting them onto the AGS website. Tracey and Elizabeth volunteered to back Diane up on cemetery updates.

**Newsletter:** Consensus that the May newsletter looked fantastic, so kudos were conveyed to Belinda. It was suggested that there needs to be two reminders sent out before meetings. One should be about 4 days before the meeting. The other one should be about a week prior to that. Belinda said she will make that happen.

**Membership:** Karen reported that four people have joined just recently. She stated she is unsure what led them to renew at this point. She has not sent any communication out recently. Karen reported that she had contacted the two doorprize winners from the Austin Archives Bazaar. One was supposed to retrieve hers at the last membership meeting, but was unable to attend. After initial responses, both winners have been silent. Due to personal issues, Karen has neglected to follow up with them further but will do so promptly.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1845 Project:** Diane would like to compile the 1845 articles into a little booklet and have on our website. She is also seeking ideas for the next prompt.

**Reminders:**

Upcoming board meetings:

June 13 (note that is corrected from earlier stated June 11 date.

July 11

August 8

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.