**Austin Genealogical Society**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**September 12, 2024**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order:**

The board meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Present were Debbie U., Karen L., Diane H., Richard G., Elizabeth P., Pat M., Belinda B., and Adeliza T. Absent were Ann E., Renee L., Max T., and Tracey M.

**Minutes:**

July minutes – Elizabeth motioned for approval, Pat seconded. Passed unanimously.

August minutes – Diane corrected that she had scanned in the lineages of the Pioneers. We just don’t have the documentation of those lineages. Elizabeth motioned for approval as amended. Diane seconded. Passes unanimously.

**Executive Action**

Due to timing constraints, The Just Design Group contract was approved August 19 by email vote with 6 votes in favor and one abstention.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

July and August financial reports were presented and accepted by the board. It was noted that the budget will need to be adjusted to reflect the increased monthly fee to Just Design for website maintenance. Also, Debbie asked that a list of vendors AGS pays on a regular basis be posted on the shared drive, with amounts of payments. Elizabeth already has this list and agreed to post it.

**Programs:**

The September meeting is Rhonda Kevorkian this coming Tuesday (third week instead of the fourth). Only 12 people are signed up now. Adeliza will send out the reminder email tomorrow. Hopefully the reminder email will boost the numbers.

For the October meeting, Diane would like to have Carl, the new manager of the Clayton Library, talk about their resources. She would like to survey members regarding interest in going on a field trip to Houston to the Clayton Library on Friday, October 25 (just a few days after the monthly meeting.) Adeliza will send it with the meeting reminder.

November meeting is not yet set. There was discussion about veterans being the topic, or else a bit of a “show and tell” time.

**Membership:**

Karen reported that there have been no new members joining since the last board meeting. There are currently 138 members. The 2025 membership drive will roll out on November 1.

**Technology:**

Diane is adding links to biographies/information about Pioneers to the pioneer list on our website.

Max was not present to report on technology.

**Newsletter:**

Adeliza and Belinda had nothing new to report. Board members present all said the newsletter is looking clean, sharp and eye-catching.

**Electronic voting procedure:**

There was some discussion regarding how to implement this, but no clear plan evolved. Debbie charged board members to think about what would work best, so a plan could be developed at next month's meeting.

**Membership Survey:**

Debbie proposed that a membership satisfaction survey be conducted before the next membership drive. Renee has experience with creating and analyzing surveys. Debbie would like a committee to work together to create survey questions.

**Querencia:**

Karen reported that she has been approached by Querencia, a senior living community. They would like her to provide three presentations about genealogy. The presentations will be one afternoon a month for about an hour each. Karen indicated that she does not wish to be paid an honorarium if the three meetings is the total duration. Her hope is that the attendees will feel ready to join AGS at the end of the three months. Possibly have a meeting room there set up with a monitor so residents can Zoom the monthly meetings together. They could also spin off with their own SIG. Karen will keep the board updated as the classes proceed.

**Carver Center:**

Debbie received an email from Heather Jarmon of the Carver Center indicating that Alan Rabe is retiring from leading presentations. They are asking if we have someone to replace him with guest lectures one Saturday per month starting in October.

**Nominating Committee:**

Karen, Elizabeth, Pat, Belinda, Tracey, and Max terms as board members will end in December 2024. Diane volunteered to chair the committee. Karen indicated that she wishes to step down at the end of her term. She volunteered to serve on the committee. Diane will contact two general members to serve on the committee as well.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.