**Austin Genealogical Society**

**February 9, 2023**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting began at 7;00 PM with a tutorial on Zoom Breakout Rooms given by Diane Harvey. The decision was made that board members would be online 30 minutes prior to the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

In attendance were; Pat Murphree, Diane Harvey, Ann Elbert, Karen Liston, Belinda Brouette, Tracey Marcelo, Richard Gruetzner, Elizabeth Price,Kris Murphy, and Debbie Ulczynski.

**Treasurer’s Report**

As of January 31,2023, the checking account balance was $12,620.42, and the savings account balance was $15,532.05. Total income of $618.18 with total expenditures of $293.17 resulting in a net revenue of $325.01 for the month of January. The report was accepted.

Elizabeth shared a proposed budget for the year. After discussion the decision was made to increase the seminar speaker budget to $2400, and to increase the seminar participant fee to $40.00. Elizabeth will send out a revised copy of the budget in the coming week.

**Minutes**

The minutes for the January Board meeting were approved.

**Programs**

After discussion, the following schedule of programs was decided upon.

* **January** Irene Walters, "What Can I Do With My Stuff? Donating your genealogy to a research facility"
* **February** Topic Tables
* **March** Texas State Cemetery Tour (IN PERSON, 40 people only)
* **April** Stephen Cure, Texas Historical Commission, **"**The Crystal City Internment/Detention Camp and Its Role in World War II"
* **May** Briscoe Center (discuss logistics) (IN PERSON) Elizabeth, thanks for updating us when you hear back from the Briscoe Center.
* **June**, Sydney Cruice Dixon, Negotiating topics, but it will likely be one of the two below.

 "Mapping Out your Family History with Maps"

 "Metes and Bounds: Land Records—How to Plat Your Ancestor’s Land"

* **July**  Diana Crisman Smith, "Who Says So? Documenting Your Sources"
* **August** Webinar Diahan Southard
* **September,** Patti Todd Gillepsie, "Taking a Genealogy Trip: Ready, Set, Let’s Go"
* **Oktoberfest German Heritage Center (TBD)** In person meeting if Richard can arrange it.
* **November** Cyndi Ingle, "Cyndi’s List in Practice"
* **Seminar** Karen has been in contact with Diahan Southard to be the speaker. Diahan’s fee is $800 per topic. The decision was made to to have her present three sessions for a total of $2400. Karen will initiate a contract. The participant fee will be $40.

**Membership**

Karen reported that membership is down about 25 members from last year. She speculates that some of that decrease is due to to non-local membership during the pandemic coupled with the last 4 presentations have been local in nature.

**Technology**

Diane, Tracey, and Kris will meet to discuss cemetery updates. Thanks to Tracey for getting AGS Membership Forum back up and running.

**Collaboration**

While only two individuals showed up at the Carver Genealogical Center for the presentation by Karen and Diane, the time was well spent with individual attention given to the participants.

Due to the ice storm, Diane did not attend the Texas Historical Commission, Real Places conference.

**Communication**

The recent newsletter was sent to all 2022 members.

Belinda is handling the newsletter and Facebook while Diane is updating the website. This arrangement is working well.

**Upcoming board meetings**

* March 9
* April 13
* May 11