AGS Board of Directors Agenda

June 8, 2022

7 pm – Zoom conferencing

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM at 7:01 pm, present were:

**Diane Harvey Anderson**

Belinda Brouette

**Ann Elbert**

**Richard Gruetzner**

**Becky Konen**

Karen Liston

**Tracey Marcelo**

Pat Murphree

**Kris Murphy**

Elizabeth Price

**Max Trenck**

**Debbie Ulczynski**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the May 2022 meeting were corrected and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

* None this month.

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION:

TECHNOLOGY CORNER:

* Website –
	+ I (Max) am finalizing an outline of instructions on achieving uniformity of column headings for all of the cemetery pages
	+ This may require a plugin, such as TablePress, to insert spreadsheets of cemetery data into the web pages.
	+ There will be consistent column headings, but to eliminate the need to scroll right over man blank columns, all blank columns will be deleted.
	+ Ann is working with people at cemetery near Barton Creek, and the people are interested in a special ceremony. This is the Tarleton Cemetery on Walsh-Tarleton Rd. on 360 near Barton Creek Mall, and it is in our list.
	+ Kris is now on our Tech Committee. Welcome, Kris!
	+ At next meeting, we should show people how to use the forum, so people will be informed. Diane will share screen at the next virtual meeting.
	+ Photo links on Cemetery pages do not work. Are these somewhere on the website? Max has looked in the proper website folder but there are no files of this type. Perhaps they were not moved over from the previous hosting site.
	+ .

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

* Diane – We have a few more members, now at 205, three shy of last year. Karen is planning a membership drive in October or November and thinks we may get more members around the Seminar time
* All name tags are updated and upgraded with new logo

COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS

* Volunteers needed – in the areas of Cemeteries and the 1950 Census Ann plans to work on Cemeteries, and has communicated with Kay. Boy Scouts need service hours for rank advancement and could earn these whole photographing graves; if anyone’s church sponsors a Troop, please mention it.
* Debbie has working on Mount Calvary Cemetery on I-35. There are some old stones and some are unreadable
* Newsletter – Diane would like newsletter articles by June 30 for the July newsletter.

PROGRAMS

* + In talking with French legation, Pat has been in contact with Mary Margaret Kennedy to have a community program to attract community people as well as our AGS Members. MMK has talked with at Varner-Hogg Plantation on Black History. Cynthia Evans has a great background to aid us in Austin Genealogical Resources. Diane will do a presentation on the DNA of a family. Cynthia will talk about Black and Tejano Genealogical resources. We can have family history sheets and tree forms for people to take or fill in. William Foley could speak, as well as Cynthia. We could introduce the Board, and have membership forms, and we could answer questions on Genealogy.
	+ We should leave some time for discussion prior to voting on the new bylaws, and we should use paper ballots. Copies of the bylaws can be sent out early for review. Paid current members get a vote. Bylaws will be sent out with July meeting notice, and people will need a reminder. We should vote on the entire document, and not bits and pieces.
	+ Debbie mentioned a website, <https://enslaved.org/> , where people can post mentions of slave being named in Wills as they were passed to offspring of the deceased. Tracey agreed. Kris has a book with names of an ancestor were a slave and his brother were deeded in the 1700’s in Connecticut, this was in the John Cook family; both of these black gentlemen served in the Revolutionary War.
	+ This could be posted in our Forum as a topic.
* Seminar
	+ Josh is confirmed as our Summer Seminar speaker. We need Belinda to create an ad for Conference Keeper, and Facebook. Josh will also advertise the seminar on his website. Diane will add a PayPal button for Seminar payment. Pat and Diane had discussed a $35 donation to Conference Keeper.

OTHER PROGRAMS

* Pat looking for DNA speaker for Sept.
* Oct – Genealogy Lock-in –Hannah from the Waco library explained it. They have speakers, and the event is free to all. We can post a sign-up sheet on our website. On the event day, everyone will have their own link. People can view the videos at their leisure, and can watch in any order. Pat suggests this as our October meeting.
* Nov – Speaker is needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

* None

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS:

* July 14
* August 11
* September 8

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58 pm.