Bay Area Genealogical Society Condensed Board Meeting Minutes August 25, 2015

Call to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Barbara Hoffman

Present: Barbara Hoffman, Robert DeLaruelle, Kathleen Laprise, Sherry Vander Missen, Julie Nivens, Jean Spodeck, Debra Frey, Anne Kasuboski, Judith Wendt, Ed Graves

Not Present: Jennifer Marshall

Review of Secretary's Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting: Anne Kasuboski

Treasurer's Report: for the current month- Sherry Vander Missen

President's Report: Barbara Hoffman – September 22nd presentation at 5:30 p.m. will be in the central BCL auditorium followed by board meeting in the upstairs board room.

Nominating Committee: Robert DeLaruelle, Kathleen Laprise, Barbara Hoffman —Ed Graves accepted as member-at-large with a term to run through February 2017. Welcome Ed.

Vice-President's Report: *Kathleen Laprise*—Discussion of the content and parameters of our Facebook postings. Consensus was to use Facebook for short informational items and promotion of events. Board meeting minutes will be posted on the website.

Programming Committee: Robert DeLaruelle, Kathleen Laprise, Anne Kasuboski --

- September 22nd program on "Genealogy and Social Media" by Kathleen Laprise before board meeting
- WSGS workshop is Saturday October 17th in Marshfield. Thomas MacEntee is the featured speaker.
- Pursuing trip to the Area Research Center at UW Green Bay
- Pursuing trip to the Family History Center regarding a program there in the fall.
- Review of previous annual banquet & meeting speakers and topics.
 - **GEMS Newsletter editors**: *Jean Spodeck:* September 1st is the deadline for the next issue. Someone is needed to help as a GEMS editor on an ongoing basis. Next issue is the 40th anniversary issue. Short articles are always welcome.
 - **Membership**: Barbara Hoffman discussion of membership categories and new rates. A family membership is a household residing at the same address. The new rates are:
 - Family rate to include two votes but one copy of the GEMS sent by postal mail will be \$23.
 - o Family with one copy of GEMS sent via e-mail: \$20.
 - o Single membership with GEMS sent via e-mail: \$15
 - Single membership with GEMS sent via postal mail \$18.

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- Option to renew for a maximum of two years if renewal is sent postmarked by January 1st, 2016.
- If membership is paid by March 1st, name will be entered into drawing for a prize at the annual membership meeting and program.
- Sales: Pat McNamara –set of GEMS books—completed and delivered.
- **Bylaws Review:** *Robert DeLaruelle* The board discussed some minor wording changes to improve clarity and flexibility. Discussion to be continued at the next board meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015 following the 5:30 p.m. presentation at the Brown County Library.