

05 Sep 2015 Minutes for the General Meeting
Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Davis (Acting) for Marie Navarro, Secretary

President Sandra Crowley called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved, as posted both on the website and at the meeting.

Attendees: 43 members, and 1 visitor.

Linda Lane, Treasurer, reported that all outstanding bills have been paid. Our current balances are:
\$ 29,161.82 in Chase Checking Account
\$121,714.54 in Chase Savings Account

Linda also reported that the 2015-2016 proposed budget will soon be posted to the Members section of the DGS web site. Members will vote to approve the budget at the October 2015 General Meeting.

Outgoing Webmaster Tony Hanson and incoming Webmaster Todd DeDecker demonstrated some of the features and highlights of the new DGS web site powered by WordPress.

Sandra announced that the new Zeta book scanner which was purchased by DGS for the Genealogy Division of Dallas Public Library has been installed and is ready to use on the 8th floor. The printed material (book, journal article, etc.) to be scanned is placed in a cradle on the base of the machine and the scanning is performed from above. Material can be scanned to a .jpg, .pdf, or .tif file on a flash drive; print or email capabilities should be available in the future. Use of the scanner is free.

The next order of business was the election of the slate of officers for 2015-2016. Jean Larson moved, and Patrick seconded, that the membership accept the slate as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. Elected were:

President - Tony Hanson
Vice President - Kathleen Murray
Secretary - Brenda Cannon
Treasurer - Susan Rainwater

The president thanked the Nominating Committee (Brenda Cannon, Jean Larson, Barbara Ware, and Suzan Younger) for their work.

At this point, Sandra turned over the meeting to our new President, Tony Hanson. Tony's first item of business was to ask for approval of the following Directors on the Board:

Education – Cheryl Freeman
Membership – Gloria Goodwin
Printing – Harmon Adair
Publicity – Carolyn Davis
Volunteers – Mic Barnette
Publication Content – (vacant)

Scott Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Sharon Bowles, that the membership ratify these Directors. The motion passed unanimously.

The President made a short presentation, "Focus: The Future", to highlight the Society's goals for the coming year.

This is the Dallas Genealogical Society 60th Anniversary year; 12 Dec 1955 - 12 Dec 2015.

It was announced that registration is now open for the Texas State Genealogical Society's annual Family History Conference to be held in Austin, October 30-November 1. The two keynote speakers at the Conference this year, are J. Mark Lowe and Lisa Louise Cooke.

Member Carl Oehmann won the drawing for a free registration to our Fall Seminar (October 24), Thinking, Assessing, & Storytelling: Genealogy Beyond Birth, Marriage & Death, featuring Dr. Michael Lacopo.

Our program speaker was Debra Polsky, Executive Director of the Dallas Jewish Historical Society. provided a fascinating overview of Dallas Jewish history and shared information about some of the programs her organization has initiated to foster an interest in family history in Dallas students.

Tony Hanson adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.