

Dallas Genealogical Society  
General Meeting  
Minutes

**March 4, 2017**

President Tony Hanson opened the meeting and announced parking is free today.

Attendance - 34 members were present

Minutes of the last meeting (Feb 4 2017) reviewed and accepted.

The "Bring a Guest" contest is still going on. Drawing will be held at the May 2017 meeting for the prize of a free seminar. Be sure to check in your guest at the registration table, in order to get credit for them.

Treasurer's Report from Susan Rainwater;

- Balance in checking acct \$36,115.82
- Balance in savings acct \$121,862.91
- Expenses approximately \$4100.
- Income approximately \$4600.
- Both expenses and income are mostly related to the upcoming March 17/18 seminars.

Susan also asked members for their help in finding a candidate (preferably somebody with experience with Quickbooks) for Treasurer for the coming year.

Tony Hanson explained how to support DGS on Facebook. Participating in this way will raise awareness of our organization. He also encouraged members to sign up in the Amazon Smile, Tom Thumb or Kroger programs that contribute a portion of your purchases price to non-profits. We can benefit from that.

Kristin Moore reported on the upcoming March seminars with Tom Jones. The 3-17 advanced class day is filled. The open seminar for 3-18 has 112 registered so far. There are still places available for that day.

- There are several volunteer positions open for the March seminars. Please sign up to help on the Volunteer page on the website

The Summer seminar will be Aug 4-5, and the Fall seminar will be Sep 30.

Tony Hanson reported on the Board Activities

- DGS Journal Digitization Fundraising Effort will be the focus for the 2017 North Texas Giving Day this fall. We will also apply for a grant to pay for our project.
- Goal: Raise \$4500 to cover the cost of digitizing our set of Quarterlies from 1955 - 1994 (161 total issues), and having them placed on the Portal to Texas History. It will include an index.

Volunteer Spotlight

- Dallas Co. Probate Record Indexing - 203 Records Indexed in February. Top indexers were given recognition.
- McGowan Funeral Home Records - 202 Records Indexed in February. We have completed 2927 of the 6000 records. Once they are entered into the new database, they will appear on our website Records tab.

Elections/Nominating Committee members were announced. They will present a slate of candidates for the 2017-2018 year at the April meeting. Voting will take place at the May meeting. Please go to the website for more information on the positions open, and consider presenting yourself as a candidate.

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The annual Writing Contest deadline of 3-31 is approaching. The winners will be announced at the May meeting.

TSGS has put out a call for papers for the annual conference, which will be held in Houston Oct 20-22.

Upcoming SIG Meetings

- March 15 - Jewish SIG
- March 16 - DNA SIG
- March 18 - African American Genealogy Interest Group
- March 25 - Brown Bag Group
- April 3 - Technology SIG
- April 8 - MacGen
- April 9 - Roots Magic / Next Generation Sitebuilder (Was originally March 12)

Next Meeting: April 1 - **Kelvin Meyers**, "*The Texas State Library/Archives and General Land Office at Home and On Site*"

Remember you can Rate the Meeting - Go to the website to give us feedback.

Educational Presentation: **Brandon Murray - DPL History & Archives Division**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Bowles, Secretary  
Mar 13 2017