

Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2017

Parking is still free today

Review of the minutes from the prior meeting (May 6, 2017). They were accepted without further revision.

Attendance - Gloria Goodwin - (Confirmation of quorum: 22 required) There were 40 members and 4 visitors in attendance today, so a quorum was met

Treasurer's Report - Susan Rainwater reports \$ 24, 857.42 in checking and \$ 151,912.85 in savings. It is noted that \$30,000.00 was moved from checking into savings.

Seminar Update

- Kristen Moore gave the summary of the 2017 Summer Seminar. Out of 102 registered we had five no shows. So far with the survey's turned in 96% of members were satisfied or extremely satisfied. There was a new catering company and we received good response about them.
- Upcoming Events
 - Josh Taylor is the featured speaker for the Fall Seminar on September 30th. Noted genealogist is featured in television shows " Who Do You Think You Are" and the Genealogy roadshow". Deadline for earlybird registration is September 17th. Closed registration is the 27th.
 - Michael L. Strauss will be speaking on Saturday, March 31st. He is based in Utah and his expertise is in military genealogy. Mr. Strauss is an approved genealogist with the United States Army.
 - J. Mark Lowe will give a one day seminar on August 4th. Mr. Lowe is a specialist in southern genealogy especially in Kentucky and Tennessee.
 - David E Rencher is the Chief Genealogical Officer for Family Search. His expertise is in Irish ancestors.

North Texas Society Summit II

- Will be held Sept 29, will feature Josh Taylor. A collaboration of 20 societies in panel discussions.

North Texas Giving Day: Sept 14

- Target: \$4000 to digitize our early Quarterlies. Postcard were sent out to members reminding them of this event.
- Have raised \$1800 already (\$800 donations, \$1000 UNT grant)
- Scheduled Giving: Is an option to begin giving one week before the actual event; so you can begin giving now.
- Excess funds will be donated to The Cathy Nelson Hartman Portal to Texas History Endowment fund. Which is what DGS donated last year.

Volunteer Spotlight

- McGowan Records - 122 Records Indexed in April. Hopefully we can pick up more people to help in this effort for fall. The process for data entry has been streamlined.
- Paul Beaty (AAGIG) speaking at the Wylie, TX Genealogy Boot Camp on Sept 30

Annual Awards

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- Nominations Committee - Kathleen Murray & Sharon Bowles. Nominations can be made through our DGS website for the local annual awards and the Texas State Annual Genealogical award. Kathleen and Sharon would love to have assistance and can be reached through nominating@dallasgenealogy.com.
- The awards banquet is Saturday, December 9th.

Newsletter

- By now the membership should have received a new e-newsletter. With a new format and new editor.
- New editor - Karan Marshall was recognized and thanked for volunteering.

TSGS DNA Project

- Gene Larsen spoke about the DNA project that the Texas State Genealogical Society is conducting. Anybody with Texas ancestors who want to share their DNA results are encouraged to the TSGS website for more information.

New Board

- Presentation was made thanking the old board for work; so member are changing to new positions. There was unanimous applause and a piece of chocolate for their efforts.
- Directors - New officers are; Todd DeDecker president, Kristin Moore vice-president, Caroline Simpson secretary, Travis Tynes Treasurer and Tony Hanson past president. New board approved and passing of the “clicker” to the new president.
- Motion was made to approve the slate of officers which included; Lise Ross Education director, Gloria Goodwin membership and Harmon Adair printing for the Dallas Genealogy Society 2017 and 2018 year. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 2017 - 2018 Budget - Susan Rainwater plus nine members met over the summer and published a budget for the next year. There was no comments or questions from the members present so members at hand moved to accept the 2017/2018 budget as written. Motion was accepted and unanimously approved.
- New president discusses “his style of leadership” as the growth mindset. The concept is that we do not do something because of the past; and we do not change things for the sake of change. We are looking for new ways to try and make things better. A leapfrog of making things better.
- General business meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM

Our next meeting is Saturday, October 14th, 2017. Our speaker is Dr. Steven Butler biographer of John Neely Bryan, the father of Dallas, which will be his topic.

Lisa Ross introduced our current speaker: **David Passman** - “Collateral lines as a research methodology”

Respectfully Submitted,
Caroline G Simpson
Secretary

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Executive Board

- President: Todd DeDecker
- Vice President: Kristin Moore
- Secretary: Caroline Simpson
- Treasurer: Travis Tynes
- Past President: Tony Hanson

Directors

- Education: Lisa Ross
- Membership: Gloria Goodwin
- Printing: Harmon Adair
- Publicity/Public Relations:
- Publication Content:
- Volunteer Coordination:

Advisors

- Sales: Jimmy Walker
- Library Liaison: Gayla Bush
- IT Administrator: Jim Thornhill
- Webmaster: Susan Rainwater
- Newsletter Editor: Karan Marshall
- Mail Administrator: (Gloria Goodwin)
- Pegasus Editor:
- Parliamentarian: