

Dallas Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2017

The general meeting of the Dallas Genealogical Society was opened by Todd DeDecker at 11:04 AM. Twenty-eight members are in attendance so we have a quorum. The president explains that the By Laws of our organization that 5% of the membership must be in attendance to declare a quorum and this year twenty-one members must be in attendance.

The Treasurer's report is given by Travis Tynes. On September 30th end of year in two bank accounts we have \$179,434.00. The income for the month of September was \$9,267.00, which represents a very successful seminar. After expenses the net income is \$5,276.00. Since the seminar happened on the last day of the fiscal year this number may change when all expenses are accounted for the month.

Kristen Moore gave the Vice President's report. Kristen states that as far back as records go on our current software Fall seminar was the most popular seminar in attendance. We had 163 people register and our auditorium hold 179 with 12 no shows, we did not reach capacity. One hundred people have responded to our survey with a 95% extremely satisfied with the program. Travis points out this is our major fundraising effort but we are a nonprofit. The board will be discussing how to invest that money in genealogical fruits in the area and the library. In the last three seminars we have raised about \$22,000.00. For the 2018 calendar there are postcards to save the dates for upcoming seminars. In March we have Michael Strauss who will be discussing military research; and how to research in Washington DC. In August, Mr. Mark Lowe will be discussing southern research with an emphasis in finding "Black roots in a White world". And In September we will have David E Rencher and he is a certified Irish researcher. Mr. Rencher is the chief genealogical officer for FamilySearch and hopefully he will give us an update on his organization.

The Past President, Tony Hanson gave a report on the North Texas Summit. This event was held the Friday before the seminar. Josh Taylor lead the panel discussion on a theme of Collaborations between other genealogical societies in the area. Out of 53 invited, twenty different societies participated in two meetings. Subjects ranged from leadership to fundraising and to "reaching out" on the internet. Member of the DGS saw some projects that we could pass along or new project for ourselves. We have received several responses back from the participants as most favorable. Tony wanted to thank our representatives and volunteers who made the event possible. The Society wanted to thank Tony and Kathleen for your leadership with these two events.

The president presented the report results of the North Texas Giving Campaign. The society's goal was to raise \$4000.00 to scan our early quarterlies into the North Texas Portal. We raised \$3,475.00 in donations and received a University of North Texas grant of \$1,00.00; exceeding our goal by \$ 475.00. The extra proceeds will go to The Cathy Nelson Hartman Portal to History Endowment fund to history. This was a very successful for us and we plan to do it again.

The president continues to report that the Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th. Todd would like input for nominations of the various awards the society presents and try to give feedback and recognition to the volunteers for their work throughout the year. An explanation is given on how the members can place your nominations through the web site. The co-chairs for the nomination committee are Kathleen Murray and Sharon Bowles they can be reached by the email address: nominating@dallasgenealogy.org They need a few more volunteers to help with this event.

Todd asked if everyone received a newsletter. Wanted to thank Karen Marshall for the news design and content. It is great. If anyone has thoughts or ideas for the next publication, contact Karen at newsletter@dallasgenealogy.org

Discussion on bring a friend to a meeting campaign. Member will be in the running to get a chance in winning a registration to a summer seminar next year. The DGS is always trying to bring new members. Comment was made about beginners seminars to attract new members.

Announcements of upcoming SIG meeting on the calendar and posted on the website. The next educational program for the November 4th meeting will be Thatcher Freund and subject will be "Why Our Stories Matter".

General Meeting is adjourned at 11:31 AM

The speaker to today is Dr. Steven R. Butler, Ph. D. The subject is John Neely Bryan: The Father of Dallas.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline G Simpson
secretary