

## **4 January 2014 Minutes for the General Meeting Respectfully submitted by Marie Navarro, Secretary**

President Sandra Crowley called the meeting to order at 10:58am.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved, as posted both on the Website, and at the meeting.

Gloria Goodwin, Director of Membership, reported that there were 53 members attending the meeting.

Linda Lane, Treasurer, reported that all outstanding bills had been paid, and our current balances were:

\$95, 143.02 in our money market account

\$70, 148.02 in our checking account.

Sandra Crowley said she received a letter from FGS, regarding the War of 1812 project, thanking us for our donation. She said the cost to scan one record was about 50 cents. FGS continues to raise funds for this project, and we will continue our efforts to support them.

Jean Larson, Vice President, announced that Laura G. Prescott would be our speaker at the Spring Lecture, which will take place on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. She said due to the restoration of the 7<sup>th</sup> floor, lunch would not be provided this year.

Jean also reported that a speaker has been found for this year's Institute, scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, but that she was unable to announce who it is because the contract has not yet been signed. She assured us that we would be more than pleased with the speaker.

The Fall Speaker has also been selected, but again, the contract has not been signed, she can't yet reveal that name. The Fall Lecture will take place on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Marianna Szabo, Director of Publications announced the 2014 Writing Contest. Entries will be accepted from January 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Marianne said that there is an opening for Editor for Pegasus. This is a paid position, paying \$10 per published page. Members should have received printed copies. It is also posted on our website. The newsletter is ready to publish.

Sandra Crowley talked about upcoming events, which include: The RootsTech 2014 Conference, held on February 6 – 8 in Salt Lake City. And the FGS Conference held on August 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio. There is more information on this event located on our website.

Sandra Crowley introduced, and welcomed our new Director of Education, Cheryl Freeman.

Cheryl Freeman announced the upcoming speakers. February 1<sup>st</sup> will be Michael Bassett, who will speak on DNA Testing for Genealogical Purposes. April 5<sup>th</sup> will be Meg Hacker, Director of the Ft Worth Archives, who will speak on NARA's Online Public Access. She is working on March and May's presentations. She welcomed any suggestions for future speakers.

Presentation by Janet Khashab on "Genealogical Writing, Fact and/or/not Fiction".

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm.