

6 Sep 2014 Minutes for the General Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Marie Navarro, Secretary

President Sandra Crowley called the meeting to order at 10:59am.

There were 45 members attending, and 7 visitors.

The minutes from the May 3rd meeting were approved, as posted both on the Website, and at the meeting.

The scanner will be presented to Gayla Bush and the City of Dallas. We are currently looking into a price per page.

Linda Lane gave the Treasurer Report. As of September 1st, 2014 the bank balances were as follows:

Legacy Checking \$12,337.44

Chase Checking: \$58,499.16

Total operating accounts: \$70,836.60

Chase Savings: \$100,032.68

A summary of the proposed budget was presented. It includes the major purchase of a book scanner for \$25,000. There will be more details on the scanner next month. The budget also includes income from fundraising and dues, and expenses. Details will be posted this week on the website.

The Preservation of records committee is looking into digitizing records. It was suggested we check into inquest documents on the 7th floor.

The University of North Texas Portal to Texas History is in the process of digitizing 31,000 probate records from 1850 to 1900. The first images should be available soon.

Sandra Crowley reported that we had an excellent table at the FGS convention in San Antonio. We had several people who were at our table including Suzan Younger, Jean Larson, and Carolyn Davis.

Carolyn Davis said our table showcased Pegasus, membership benefits, our Fall lecture, and our newsletter. We gave out door prizes, and had hundred of tickets. Carolyn also announced that Marie Navarro had two winning entries in the ISFHWE contest. A poem that won 2nd place, and a story that won 3rd place. The next issue of Pegasus will be ready soon, and the writing contest will also be announced in the near future. The Awards Luncheon will be coming up in December so mark your calendars. Details will be forth coming via eBlast, and the newsletter.

Jean Larson gave the VP Report. She said John Collette received rave reviews. The Judy Russell lecture is coming up.

Tony Hanson, Director of Education said next month's speaker would be Connie Gray whose topic would be "One Person – two Birth Certificates", and would cover adoption laws. He then introduced today's speaker, Don Raney.

Presentation by Don Raney: Research in the Texas Land Records

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 pm