

Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting
Minutes

September 10, 2016

President Tony Hanson welcomed member and guests.

Discounted parking price process explained.

Attendance - 33 members and 21 visitors.

Minutes from prior meeting (May 7, 2016) were reviewed and accepted as is, by general acclamation.

Treasurer's Report - Susan Rainwater (presented by the president)

\$37, 885.14 in checking and \$121, 814.63 in savings, with current bills paid.

Seminar Updates - Kathleen Murray

Sept 17, Fall Seminar by Kurt Wicher of Allen Co Library. Seats still available.

Sept 16, 2016 N Tex Society Summit. 20 genealogical societies attending. Will be taught by Kurt Wicher. TSGS co-sponsoring lunch.

We netted about \$7K from our 2015-2016 seminars.

2017 seminars dates and speakers announced.

Board Activities

- TSGS- Oct 28-30, in Dallas
 - We will have an Exhibit Table, giving away iPad Pointer/Pens with our logo.
 - We will be providing refreshments for the DPL Librarians Day Tour. We will also assist DPL in paying for their printed materials to be given away.
- FGS- Tony Hanson, Kathleen Murray, Kristin and Bruce Moore attended and had a DGS exhibit table there.
- 2 new SIG's have been approved: Roots Magic and Next Generation Sitebuilder. Tresa Tatyrek will be leading these courses once a quarter. First is Sun, Sept 11.
- We received a "Rescuing Texas History" mini grant from UNT. This will allow us to digitize the 2013 & 2014 editions of Pegasus, and place them on The Portal To Texas History. We also got grants in 2013 and 2015.

Volunteer Spotlight: Dallas Co Probate Records project. It is 43% completed. 7 DGS members volunteered 170 hours between June-Aug. Overview of project was given, along with encouragement for additional volunteers to join in the effort.

Special recognition to the most prolific Probate case volunteers; Joe Connelly-275 cases, Karen Walker-252 cases, John Withers-57 cases.

North Texas Giving Day: Sept 21. We have set a goal to give \$5,000 to the Portal to Texas History, to help them achieve a matching grant challenge. We hope to raise \$2500 from the NT Giving Day, and match that with funds from our saving account. Instructions on how to donate

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were given. Everyone was encouraged to recruit family and friends to give to this important project, that is essential to preserving Texas history.

DGS Awards - Nominations needed for our annual awards, to be given out at the December luncheon. A committee will be formed soon to plan the luncheon and awards ceremony. Nominations are also due Sept 15 for TSGS awards. See Links on website now at **Events -> Awards**, to nominate deserving members/volunteers.

2016-2017 Budget was presented, as prepared by Budget Comm. It will be approximately \$33,000 for income and expenses. The budget was approved by general acclamation.

New Board Members were presented and approved. Positions still vacant were announced.

Upcoming Events

- September 16 - North Texas Society Summit
- September 17 - Fall Seminar - Curt Witcher
- October 1 General Meeting. Speaker: **Glenn Kinkade**, who will be discussing the Perils, Paradoxes and Pitfalls in Probate Records.
- December 10 - Awards Lunch

Feedback Opportunity: Go to the Web Site "Rate the Meeting" page to give us your comments.

Educational Presentation - Shirley Sloat and Estelle Adams - *It takes a village..... to produce a book preserving the memories of the only living grandchild of two Georgia slaves who came in a wagon with nine children to Wheelock, Texas, in 1894*

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Bowles, Secretary