

Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting
Minutes

October 1, 2016

Parking - Validate at the Front Desk

Attendance - Gloria Goodwin (Confirmation of quorum - 22 required). Actual attendance today is 39 members and 1 visitor.

Review of the minutes from prior meeting (September 10, 2016) . Meeting notes accepted without revision.

Treasurer's Report - Susan Rainwater

- In checking = \$36, 376.15
- In savings = \$121,814.63
- expenses = \$4300
- Income = \$3500

Seminar Update - Kristin Moore

- 92 attendees. 89% rated event as Very Good or Excellent.

North Texas Society Summit - Kristin Moore

- 37 individuals from 19 societies attended. 92% rated the event as Very Good or Excellent.
- Several attendees expressed interest in continuing to work together. They are exploring the possibility of setting up a Facebook page to stay in contact. They possibly would be interested in coordinating some projects with DGS in the future.

Board Activities

- Barbara Ware has agreed to serve another term as IT Director.
- Updated the quorum number (22) - Posted on the Society Documents webpage.
- FGS Delegate (Kathleen Murray) - cast the DGS vote for the new FGS board of directors.
- Disposing of Journals, Other Publications & Items - Today and November 5 extra journals will be available for sale for \$1 each. The rest will be recycled (after checking with other repositories).
- Donated a copy of "Remembering Negro Life in Wheelock, Texas" by Estelle Williams to the Genealogy Section of the DPL to be used as circulation copy.

Service Awards Committee - Tony Hanson and Sandra Crowley will be the board members - Jimmy Walters and Lisa Ross will be the 2 General membership representations. We need one additional board representative. Nomination links on website now at **Events -> Awards**

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Awards Luncheon - Todd DeDecker has volunteered to coordinate the lunch, to be held December 10, from 11:00 - 1:00 on the 7th Floor at the Dallas Public Library. It is free, but you must register in advance. Todd is looking for volunteers to work with him.

Members are encouraged to donate gift baskets for raffle drawings at the lunch.

Bring a Guest contest

Members who bring a non-DGS member to a general meeting between now and May 2017, may be entered in a drawing to win free admission to a DGS seminar. Members may only claim this opportunity one time, on the day their guest is present. The winner may choose from the Summer 2017, Fall 2017, or Spring 2018 seminars.

North Texas Giving Day Results

The overall North Texas Giving Day program was a success, raising \$37 million. We exceeded our goal of raising \$2500 to donate to the Portal To Texas History. 26 people donated a total of \$2600 to DGS: Donations ranged from \$25 to \$500. We will get additional funds from the "bonus pool", which is likely to be 7%. Thanks to all who donated and encouraged donations from others.

Volunteer Spotlight

The Dallas County Probate files project is now 49% complete. The biggest contributors in the last month were Joe Connelly, Karen Walker, and John Withers. Go to the Volunteer Page on the website to sign up.

Kelvin Myers of TSGS needs volunteers at the registration desk for the Oct 28-30. Meeting. Contact him if you are interested in volunteering (contact Tony Hanson at president@dallasgenealogy.org if you need to know how to reach Kelvin).

Upcoming Events

- November 5 General Meeting. Speaker: **Bernard N. Meisner** (Mid Cities GenSoc President) who will be talking about *Finding German Ancestor*.
- December 10 - Awards Lunch
- The new SIGS will meet Dec 11.

Rate the Meeting - Tony asked attendees to go to the Web Site to give feedback on today's meeting.

Educational Presentation - Glenn Kinkade - **Perils, Paradoxes and Pitfalls in Probate Records**

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Bowles