

Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting
Minutes

November 5, 2016

President Tony Hanson started the meeting at 11:05. He announced that the meeting was being recorded and that a video of the meeting would be made available on the [website](#) within a few days.

Parking - Tony announced that parking tickets can be validated at the Front Desk for a reduced fee.

Attendance - 35 members were in attendance.

Review of the minutes from prior meeting ([October 1, 2016](#)) - No changes

Bring a Guest contest - DGS members who bring a guest and register with Gloria Goodwin (Director of Membership) will be entered into a drawing to be held May, 2017 to win free admission to an upcoming DGS Seminar.

Treasurer's Report - Susan Rainwater announced that the society had \$35,958.20 in our checking account, \$121,038.90 in our savings account with expenses of \$2200 (mostly our insurance) and income of \$1600.

Seminar Update - Kristin Moore provided an update on our upcoming seminars. Details for the March Tom Jones seminar will be finalized at the board meeting after the general meeting, and online registration should be enabled within a week. She also reviewed the upcoming summer seminar featuring Lisa Louise Cooke and our fall seminar with Joshua Taylor.

Board Activities: Tony Hanson reviewed recent board activities:

- The Annual Report has been published and distributed to all members. It is also [available on our website](#).
- Financial Review - David Temple, Sammie Lee, Gloria Goodwin and Susan Rainwater will be meeting after the general meeting to conduct the annual financial review as required by our bylaws.
- Snacks for TSGS Research Day at DPL were provided by Barbara Ware, Suzan Younger and Carolyn Davis. About 100 TSGS participants visited the Genealogy section of the DPL and greatly enjoyed the light refreshments provided by the DGS.
- Table in the TSGS Exhibit Area - Many people stopped by during the conference to discuss the DGS and our activities. About 20 people asked to be added to our mailing list.
- DGS paid the printing costs for an updated DPL Brochure distributed at the event.
- DGS allowed the TSGS to use our website Volunteer tool to coordinate TSGS volunteers who worked at the conference

TSGS Awards

- Pegasus - Received 2nd place award in TSGS Journal competition. Caldwell County won 1st place
- DGS member Karen Walker was awarded 1st Place in the Non-Professional Family History Book competition for books she wrote.

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Service Awards Committee - consists of Tony Hanson, Sandra Crowley, Jimmy Walters and Lisa Ross. Nomination are still requested and can be submitted using forms available on the website now at [Events](#)
-> [Awards](#)

Awards Dinner - Todd DeDecker is coordinating the event: Kathleen Murray has volunteered to help, and others are encouraged to volunteer as well (contact Todd at webmaster@dallasgenealogy.org). The lunch, to be held December 10 from 11:00 - 1:00 on the 7th Floor at the Dallas Public Library. Attendance is free for DGS members, \$15 for guests.

Volunteer Spotlight

- Probate Records - Tony announced that the Probate Record indexing effort is 58% complete and recognized Joe Connelly, Karen Walker and John Withers for the ongoing contributions.
- Barbara Ware, Suzan Younger and Carolyn were recognized for organizing the TSGS Research Day Snacks

Upcoming Events

- November 16 - Jewish SIG
- November 17 - DNA SIG
- November 19 - African American Genealogy Interest Group
- November 26 - Brown Bag Group
- December 1 - Technology SIG
- December 3 - MacGen SIG
- December 10 - Awards Lunch
- January 7 - General Meeting

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Educational Presentation - **Bernard Meisner - Finding German Ancestors**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30

Respectfully submitted by Tony Hanson, President