

Dallas Genealogical Society  
General Meeting  
Minutes

**April 1, 2017**

Parking-Free this month

Minutes from prior meeting (March 4, 2017) were reviewed and approved.

President Tony Hanson reminded attendees of the Bring a Guest contest that goes through next month. He also gave information on how the society can be supported through programs in place at Tom Thumb, Kroger and Amazon Smile.

Attendance - Gloria Goodwin confirmed there was a quorum, consisting of 29 members and 2 guests.

Treasurer's Report - Susan Rainwater reported there is \$35,018.62 in checking; \$121,862.91 in savings. Our income was approximately \$3200 and expenses approximately \$4100. Most of the expenses were related to the Spring Seminar.

Seminar Update

- The Advanced Workshop with Dr Tom Jones on Mar. 17 had 30 registered and 28 attendees. Spring Seminar with Dr Tom Jones on Mar. 18 had 129 attendees. Of those participants, 71% were DGS members, plus 1 staff from the Dallas Public Library.
- Upcoming Events include the Summer Seminar, on Aug 4-5, with Lisa Louise Cooke, Sunny Morton, and Diahn Southard. The Society Summit and Fall Seminar with Josh Taylor will be on Sep 29 and 30.

DGS Journal Digitization Fundraising Effort -"Coins for Quarterlies"

- Goal: Raise \$4500 to cover the cost of digitizing Quarterlies from 1955 - 1994 (161 total issues) and having them placed on the Portal to Texas History.
- This will be the focus of our campaign for the 2017 North Texas Giving Day on Sep 14.
  - \$43 was raised from donations given at today's meeting.
- Donations can be made through our website.

Volunteer Spotlight-Thanks to all participating in these projects. You can sign up to take part on our website's Volunteer Sign-Up page.

- Probate Record Indexing - 261 Records were indexed in March. The project is now 94% complete. Most productive members on this project this month were; Joe Connelly-170, Karen Walker-65, and John Withers-25.
- McGowan Funeral Home Records - 180 Records were indexed in March. Approximately half of the records are completed. The data can be accessed from our website as soon as it is entered into the new interface. The most productive members on this project in the last month were: Billie Reed-102, Pat Stiggers-77, and Alvin Blakes-1.
- April 29 - DPL Book Festival - *'Intro to Genealogy'* session to be presented by Cheryl Freeman & Sharon Bowles

Elections/Nominating Committee

- The committee consists of Susan Rainwater (chair), Carolyn Davis, Suzanne Younger, Bruce Moore and Kathleen Murray.

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- Slate of officers for the 2017 - 2018 board were presented; Treasurer-Travis Tynes CPA, President-Todd DeDecker, Vice-President-Kristin Moore, Secretary-Caroline Gay Simpson.
- Election will be held at the next general meeting on May 6.

Upcoming SIG Meetings

- April 6 - Technology SIG
- April 8 - MacGen
- April 15 - African American Genealogy Interest Group
- April 19 - Jewish SIG
- April 20 - DNA SIG
- April 22 - Brown Bag Group
- April 30 - Roots Magic / Next Generation Sitebuilder (Was March 12)
- May 4 - Technology SIG

Next Meeting: May 6

- Election!
- Presentation: **Ari Wilkins** of DPL- "Getting the Most Bang For Your Buck Out of Libraries."

Rate the Meeting - Go to the Web Site to give us feedback. Today's speaker Kelvin Meyers, is allowing us to video his presentation. It will be available online for the next 2 weeks. His handouts will also be available in PDF on our website.

Educational Presentation: **Kelvin Meyers**, "*Researching Your Texas Ancestor At Home or On-Site.*"

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Bowles  
DGS Secretary 2016-2017  
April 6, 2017  
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