

Dallas Genealogical Society  
General Meeting  
Minutes

**May 6, 2017**

Parking is free today.

Review of the minutes from prior meeting (April 1, 2017). They were accepted without further revision.

Attendance- Gloria Goodwin (Confirmation of quorum - 22 required) There were 43 people in attendance today, so the quorum was met.

Treasurer's Report- Susan Rainwater reports \$35, 516.28 in checking, and \$121, 878.65 in savings. Expenses in the last month were \$385 and income \$350.

Election of the 2017 - 2018 Executive Board

- Tony Hanson presented the slate of nominees for officers for 2018, and asked for additional nominations from the floor. Carolyn Davis proposed the nominations be closed, and the motion was seconded by Ray Magyar. The members voted to accept the slate. New officers will be:
  - President-Todd DeDecker
  - VP-Kristin Moore
  - Secretary-Caroline Simpson
  - Treasurer-Travis Tynes

DGS Journal Digitization project -"Coins for Quarterlies"

- Goal: Raise \$4500 to cover the cost of digitizing DGS Quarterlies from 1955 - 1994 (161 total issues) and having them placed on the Portal to Texas History
- We raised \$43 last month and received a \$25 on-line donation= \$68 total so far.
- The bucket was passed to add to the fund.

Seminar Update - Kristin Moore

- Summary of the Spring 2017 Seminar:
  - The Tom Jones Advanced Workshop on Mar 18 had 28 of the 30 registered attendees. Most of them rated the event as "Very Good" or "Excellent" in the feedback survey.
  - The Mar 19 seminar, also with Tom Jones, had a large attendance of 131. That included the recipient of last years Renee Jackson Smith gift certificate, and a DPL librarian. The feedback for this event was also very positive.
- Summer Seminar 2017 will be Aug 4 & 5. It is titled "Sources, Storytelling, and DNA." The presenters will be Diahn Southard, Sunny Morton, and Lisa Louise Cooke. On-line registration will start next week, after the price is finalized today.
  - Kristin asked for volunteers for the seminar.
- Upcoming Events
  - Josh Taylor will speak at the Fall Seminar, on Sep 29. His presentation is titled "Resource Goldmines; Societies, Religion and Politics."
  - Save the Date for the 2018 seminars.
    - Mar 31, 2018 Spring Seminar; Michael L. Strauss
    - Aug 4, 2018 Summer Seminar (return to a one day event); pending contract
    - Sep 29, 2018 Fall Seminar; pending contract.

Tony Hanson thanked Ken Johnson and Kathleen Murray for their work on the creation of the attractive brochure for the upcoming Summer Seminar.

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North Texas Society Summit II-chaired by Kathleen Murray and Tony Hanson

- Will be held Sept 29, will feature Josh Taylor in the afternoon, following morning panels.
- This is an invitational event, for N Texas area genealogical societies. Summit I, held last year, had 37 attendees representing 19 societies.

A General Meeting Educational Presentation Topics Survey will be released tomorrow. Please reply, with requests for your favorite research topic to be included in 2018.

Volunteer Spotlight

- Cheryl Freeman - *'Intro to Genealogy'* presentations
  - April 22 - Timberglen Library in North Dallas
  - April 29 - DPL Book Festival
- McGowan Funeral Home Records - 122 Records indexed in April, by Patricia Stiggers and Alvin Blakes.
- Dallas Co. Probate Record Indexing - Done! 3100 total records indexed by 15 volunteers over 797 hours. Top indexers were Joe Connelly, Karen Walker, and John Withers. Thanks to all who participated.

Volunteers Needed to take over the Hospitality functions for the General Meetings. Bob and Linda Lane are stepping down after many dedicated years of service in this area. They are willing to stay on until Jan, so there is ample time to be trained. Other opportunities also will be arising during the year. Please consider volunteering.

Consider the DGS in your estate planning. Information is available at the website.

- <http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/donate-to-the-dgs/>

Upcoming SIG Meetings-Some will continue to meet over the summer, so check the schedule.

- May 17 - Jewish SIG
- May 18 - DNA SIG
- May 20 - African American Genealogy Interest Group
- May 20 - Brown Bag Group (*rescheduled from May 27 due to holiday conflict.*)
- June 10 - MacGen
- June 11 - Roots Magic / Next Generation Sitebuilder

Next Meeting: September 9, 2017

- Installation of Officers
- Educational presentation will be given by David Passman; "Using Cluster Genealogy to Find Immigrant Origins in US Records."

Today's Educational Presentation: **Ari Wilkins** - "Getting the Most Bang For Your Buck Out of Libraries." Ari has generously agreed to let the presentation be videotaped. It will be on the website, for members only through next week. Your DGS log-in will be required to access it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Bowles, Secretary 2016-2017