

The Dallas Genealogy Society
General Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2018

The general meeting of the Dallas Genealogy Society was opened by Todd DeDecker at 11:01 AM. Todd thanked us for coming there were several guests that came today and he hoped he got to meet all the new people. As president Todd explained the agenda of Today's meeting; business first and then the featured speaker. Also, the Society sponsors special interest groups that meet throughout the month; check the time and the dates for those events.

The minutes of the November 4th general business minutes are posted on the table and on our website. Any questions or amendments; we will considered them approved. No comments were made at the time.

Attendance was reported by Gloria Goodwin that there is 30 members present and that is a quorum. Also there are 15 visitor present. Todd introduced Mr Travis Tynes to give the treasurer's report.

Instead of giving a monthly report Mr Tynes presented a quarterly report, to give the society a better idea of last year's activities. According to our annual report we had a net increase of over \$19,000 dollars last year mostly due to seminar activities. For the quarter ending 2017 we had cash receipts of \$6,336.00. We had cash disbursements of \$24,372 for the end of 2017. The board discussed the expenditures during the awards banquet in December. The net decrease in the bank was \$18,036 leaving cash in the bank of \$159,677.00. The major expenditures at the end of December are in alignment with the objective of the Society and were approved by the board. The three main objectives are \$4,373 for books to the Dallas Public Library, the grant for the continuation of preserving history at the Texas General Land office of \$7,500 and a grant to the UNT foundation for digitizing history of \$7,500. Making a total amount of expenditures of \$19,373 dollars at the end of December. The board made sure that the money raised in 2017 went to the goals of the society. Mr. DeDecker asked if there was any questions and after discussion the report went to the finance committee for year end audit.

Todd announced the renewal of the "Bring a Friend" initiative. If a member brought a new visitor to a general meeting between now and May; there name will be put into a drawing for a free seminar of your choice. This is just an incentive to bring an extra friend or family to the meeting.

Todd presented a review of the Awards Luncheon that was held last December. Write ups about the luncheon appeared on the website and the newsletter. The general membership had a fun time getting to recognize the leaders of our society. Todd thanks the people who put in the work behind the scenes to make the event happen. The presidents also talked about the awarding of the expenditures and how other families and organization have offered matching grants to complete projects for these foundations. Please check out the website that shows what happend at the awards banquet.

The president announced the beginning of the 2018 seminar series with the first seminar happening on Saturday, March 31. Mr. Michael L Strauss, A.G. will be giving a presentation; "Revolution to Reconstruction: Selling Those Who Shaped America".

In January the president ask for the consideration of a nominating committee to consider candidates for the slate of officers in May. The nominating committee consists of two members of the board and two members of the society at large. Consideration of members will be discussed in the February 3rd meeting. We are trying to identify members who want to participate in board activities..

Todd discussed the opportunities in volunteering for editor to the Pegas magazine, public relationation or hospitality. If you are interested please come see Todd or any member of the board.

Announcement was made for upcoming "sig" meetings. If you are interested in these special interests this is an opportunity to participate.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, Feb 3rd; will have Bill Covington for the Waxahachie Global High School talk about the Continental Soldier. The meeting concluded at 11:18 AM

Lisa Ross introduced our key speaker, Bill Buckner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Simpson
Secretary