

**Dallas Genealogical Society**  
**February 6, 2016**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tony Hanson, DGS President, called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM

**ATTENDEES**

**AGENDA**

Confirmation of quorum

Minutes for January 9, 2016 meeting accepted as posted. Minutes for November 7, 2015 meeting accepted as submitted.

DGS President announced the “Bring a visitor campaign...” Now - May. Members get one entry for each visitor in a drawing for a free admission and lunch to the Summer Institute with Denise Levenick

Treasurer’s Report - Susan Rainwater

- Checking \$25,257.52
- \$121,757.29

Seminar Update - Kathleen Murray

- Spring (19 March): Paul Milner
- Summer (29-30 July): Denise Levenick
- Fall (17 September): Curt Witcher

Nominations Committee

- Gloria Goodwin, chairperson
- Members: Kathleen Murray, Suzan Younger, Jean Larson
- Nominations can be submitted to the committee at [nominating@dallasgenealogy.com](mailto:nominating@dallasgenealogy.com)

Board Activities

- The Board is in the final stages of voting on Bylaw changes to link quorum to actual membership and to permit electronic balloting
- Lapsed members will be contacted by mail and asked to consider renewing their membership
- Lisa Wilhelm Enterprise was hired to perform Audit/transition to the latest version of QuickBooks which has been completed.
- The DGS will be staffing a table at the North Texas Irish Festival March 4 - 6.

## Writing Contest

The 2016 Writing Contest (chaired by Marianne Szabo) is underway and will end March 30. Winning submissions will receive cash awards and eligible to be published in a future edition of Pegasus, The Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society. Go to <http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/publications/pegasus/> for details.

## Volunteer Opportunity Spotlight

Dallas County Probate Records - DGS members are asked to help complete the metadata for the Dallas County Probate Record images now available on the Portal to Texas History. Volunteers need to examine all of the documents in each case to determine the date range for each case. See <http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/projects/> for more information and to volunteer

So far, 86 cases (2.8%) have been completed. Karen Walker and John Withers were recognized for their contributions so far.

## Supporting the Society

- Follow us on Facebook, [facebook.com/DGStx](https://www.facebook.com/DGStx)
- Sign up to receive Twitter Blog posts, [twitter.com/DGStx](https://twitter.com/DGStx)

## Upcoming Events

- February 13 - MacGen SIG (2:00)
- February 17- Jewish SIG (10:00)
- February 18- DNA (6:00)
- February 20 - AAGIG
- February 27 - Brown Bag SIG (10:30)
- February 6 - General Meeting
- March 3 - Technology SIG (6:00)
- 2016 Seminar Dates:
  - March 12
  - July 29 & 30
  - September 17

**EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION** - Steven Butler, "How to find your English Convict Ancestor"

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING** – Saturday March 5, 2016

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – 12:45 PM

Submitted by Brenda Cannon