

**Dallas Genealogical Society**  
**April 2, 2016**  
**Minutes**  
**April General Meeting**

President Tony Hanson called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. He announced that he was recording the meeting to post on our DGS YouTube channel.

Attendance - Membership Director Gloria Goodwin announced that 33 members and several guests were in attendance and that we had a quorum.

Bring a visitor campaign - is running from now through our May meeting. Members get one entry for each visitor they bring to a general meeting. The prize is a free admission to the Summer Seminar with Denise Levenick. The drawing will take place at our May general meeting.

Approval of minutes from prior meetings - an addition to the minutes of the March 5, 2016 General Meeting was proposed - add 33 members, 4 guests. The minutes as amended were accepted as posted.

Seminar Update - Vice President Kathleen Murray reported net income for the Milner Spring Seminar was \$4400. There were 130 registrants. Early registration for the Levenick Summer Seminar is online. A feature of the Seminar will be an "Heirloom Roadshow". Attendees will be able to submit a keepsake preservation challenge on our website, including a photo. Denise will review the submissions and choose some to talk about.

Witcher Fall Seminar. Web page not yet live, fee not set.

North Texas Irish Festival - DGS got a lot of traffic. 78 added to our mailing list. The winner of FindMyPast annual subscription drawing was "thrilled".

Treasurer's Report - Susan Rainwater. Checking account \$28,114.83; Savings account \$121,773. 83.

Bylaw Update Vote - Tony reviewed proposed changes. Jean Larson moved to accept the proposed changes to the bylaws. Kristin Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Executive Board Nominations - Gloria Goodwin announced the slate of officers on behalf of the Nominating Committee (Gloria Goodwin, Kathleen Murray, Suzan Younger, Jean Larson, and Sharon Bowles).

Nominees for 2016-2017:

- President - Tony Hanson
- Vice President - Kristin Moore

- Secretary - Sharon Bowles
- Treasurer - Susan Rainwater

Additional nominations may be submitted to [membership@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:membership@dallasgenealogy.org). The vote will be held at the May 7 General Meeting.

#### Board Activities

- Two laptops were donated to Goodwill
- Approved \$500 for the creation of a video featuring Lloyd Bockstruck
- Letter to lapsed members was sent. Membership has increased by 17 in March (16 in April). 244 letters sent.

Billion Graves/My Heritage Cemetery Project - Volunteers needed Saturday, April 23 - Suzan Younger is leading this project proposed by Billion Graves to photograph the entire Pleasant Mound Cemetery using the Billion Graves GPS app. Members were encouraged to register on the Get Involved page on the DGS web site. Volunteers with (15) or w/o (10) cell phones are needed. The photos will be uploaded to the BG website . The second phase of the project will involve indexing/transcribing the information.

Probate Record Date Range Effort - 7.5% complete. Volunteer through Get Involved tab on our website.

1955 -1994 Newsletters/Quarterlies - now available on our website under the Publications tab. We are missing the 1st issue of our Newsletter in 1976.

#### Upcoming Events

- April 7 - Technology SIG (6:00)
- April 9 - MacGen SIG (1:00)
- April 16 - AAGIG (2:00)
- April 20 - Jewish SIG (10:00)
- April 17 - DNA (6:00)
- April 23 - Brown Bag SIG (10:30)
- April 23 - Cemetery Photography
- May 7 - General Meeting : Election of Officers, DGS@60 celebration.

Educational Presentation - Ari Wilkins: "Southern Ante-Bellum Plantation Records".