

Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting
Minutes
September 7, 2019

President Todd DeDecker opened the meeting at 11:00 am.

Membership - Gloria Goodwin confirmed a quorum.

Minutes from Prior Meeting (May 4, 2019) were approved.

Treasurer's report – Travis Tynes reported there were \$1567 in deposits and \$3872 in payments in August, for a net decrease of \$2305. This was due to the Summer Seminar in early August. Receipts were made in June and July and payments made in August. From the end of April until the end of August there was a net increase of \$6133.

Board Recognition - Outgoing President Todd DeDecker thanked the 2018-19 Board for their hard work, passion and energy and asked them to stand to be recognized.

2019-20 Officer Installation - Suzan Younger (President), Jim Thornhill (Vice President), Gayla Bush (Secretary), and Susan Rainwater (Treasurer) were presented and approved.

Highlights of Board Accomplishments during the past two years - Suzan Younger

- Completion of digitization of the *DGS Quarterlies*, *The Dallas Journal* and *Pegasus* in partnership with UNT's Portal to Texas History.
- Organization of the North Texas Genealogical Society Summit, started in 2016. DGS has hosted local societies to meet and discuss common issues and to network face to face. DGS will host the summit again in the spring of 2020.
- Creation of the Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Scholarship in honor of Lloyd Bockstruck who died in May 2018. The annual scholarship provides funds for an educational opportunity for a Dallas Public Library Genealogy staff member. The 2019 awardee was Kim Thurman. The award was funded for five years.
- Fulfillment of a significant mission of DGS to support the Genealogy section of Dallas Public Library. Gifts include a substantial addition to the book collection in support of Hispanic research; funding for a room to house the Heritage Lab, an area for digital conversion equipment, along with a professional-grade scanner to be used in the Heritage Lab. The lab and scanner cost over \$50,000.
- Provision of quality genealogical education through monthly meetings and yearly seminars. Recent nationally-known speakers here have included Judy Russell, Michael Lacapo, David Rencher and Mark Lowe.

Update on North Texas Giving Day 2019 - DGS will not be participating in Giving Day because no specific project has been identified to support. When we ask for money, we want you to know what we'll be spending it on. In the next few months as we identify projects, we will be communicating our plans through the monthly eNews.

October Family History Month Event

October 19 Dallas Public Library will host a Family History Month celebration in the Genealogy section from 10 am to 8:30 pm that will include extended hours for genealogy research, a series of eight programs which can be viewed at the library or streamed live via the Genealogy Network of Texas, and special staffing from DGS volunteers at the Genealogy and DNA help desk.

Seminar Updates - Jim Thornhill

The 2019 Summer Seminar with Judy Russell saw a profit of \$4121 and a 98% satisfaction rate.

The 2019 Fall Seminar will be held October 12 when Jen Baldwin will be talking about context, "Digging for Details." DGS is seeking volunteers for the seminar. Perks include dinner with Jen and DGS board members at your own expense and a chance in a drawing to win free attendance at a DGS seminar.

Board Vacancies

Director of Education - schedules and coordinates speakers

Director of Publication Content - oversees DGS publications

Upcoming Events

Sept 14 at 2 pm the library is dedicating the Heritage Lab on the 8th floor as one of the Creative Spaces Grand Opening events at the library. DGS provided major funding for the Heritage Lab.

Upcoming September special interest group meeting dates were reported.

October 5 general meeting - Tui Snider will present "Spooky Symbols in the Cemetery."

Educational Presentation - David Passman - "From Minsk to Manhattan: Using Maps to Retrace an Ancestor's Journey"

Respectfully submitted by Gayla Bush, Secretary