

**Dallas Genealogical Society  
General Meeting  
Minutes  
October 5, 2019**

President Suzan Younger opened the meeting at 11:00 am.

**Membership:** Gloria Goodwin, Director of Membership, reported there were 25 members and four visitors present at the meeting. She confirmed a quorum.

**Minutes from Prior Meeting:** Jean Larson made a motion to accept the Minutes from the September 7, 2019 meeting. Susan Rainwater seconded the motion. There were no corrections or changes and the Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan Rainwater reported September activity shows total deposits of \$4,222 and total expenses of \$4,388. The cash in the bank is \$27,850 and there is a savings of \$97,077. There were no questions about the report.

**2019-2020 Budget:** The DGS Board approved the 2019-2020 budget at the September board meeting. Income is budgeted for contributions: the corporate reward card programs such as Tom Thumb and Kroger programs, genealogical education (our spring, summer and fall seminars being our principal events), hospitality donations, members dues, and interest/savings account. The board is considering new investment account opportunities. The expenses include general expenses expected for operations of a society.

Significant projected expenses:

- Genealogical Education is the cost of the seminars, \$16,800.
- Donations to the Dallas Public Library, \$3,200. We are discussing the gift with Stephanie Bennett and will announce the gift at a later date. Funds may possibly be used for genealogy databases.
- Information Technology, \$5,468, that includes the cost of systems to support the society's activities. There is a line item of \$3,200 for new audio and video equipment that will fulfill a goal this year for DGS to present virtual programs in the auditorium in front of a live audience and at remote locations such as a branch libraries. This will allow people to join a meeting from a device of their choosing, such as a computer, tablet or smartphone.

There was a question about the budget regarding whether or not the *Dallas Morning News* charges for announcements. The Publicity Director will investigate this and she noted that additional money was added to the budget for publicity. There was a suggestion to send promotional materials to the presidents of various branch friends groups.

The 2019-2020 budget is posted on the DGS website as HOME>Society>Documents>Budgets.

### **2019-2020 Director Ratification**

DGS voting directors were appointed at the September meeting:

Membership - Gloria Goodwin

Printing - Harmon Adair

Publicity - Sharon Bowles

Volunteers - Patti Smith

Two positions remain vacant, Education and Publication Content.

### **DGS Annual Service Awards Committee**

Annual Awards Luncheon December 7

The Awards Committee

- Two board members
- Two members at large - Call for volunteers

Awards

- DGS Volunteer of the Year
- DGS Award of Merit
- DGS Distinguished Service Award
- DGS Heritage Preservation Award

**Fall Seminar October 12:** Jen Baldwin will present “Digging for Details: Getting the Full Story.” Volunteers are needed, and volunteers may have dinner with Jen at their own cost, and have a chance to win one free seminar in 2020.

### **October is Family History Month**

Family History Month Celebration - 10 am to 830 pm Friday, October 18 on the 8th floor at DPL's Central Library. The free event includes genealogy beginner sessions, collection tours, eight live virtual programs, local presentations, late-night hours for attendees, and door prizes. DGS will staff a help desk for brick-wall research and one for DNA questions. Volunteers are needed for the help desks.

Genealogy Collection Dedication - Celebrate the legacy of Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck at a ceremony dedicating the Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection - 11 am Saturday, October 26th on the 8th floor of Central Library.

**Upcoming SIG meeting dates** in October were noted. There is a new German special interest group which will first meet on November 2.

**Next General Meeting:** Saturday, November 2 with Kelvin Meyers - “Early Suffrage Movement in Dallas”

**Today's program:** Tui Snider - “Spooky Symbols in the Cemetery”