

Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting
Minutes
1 February 2020

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

Membership: Director of Membership Gloria Goodwin reported there were 30 members and 5 visitors present, and there were 4 people who joined remotely. There was a quorum present.

Minutes from the Prior Meeting: Jim Thornhill made a motion to accept the January 4th, 2020 minutes. Susan Rainwater seconded the motion. There were no corrections or changes and the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's Report: January 2020 activity shows total deposits of \$3,171 and total expenses of \$4,107. The cash in the bank is \$31,478 and savings is \$97,089.

Live-streamed Meetings: On January 4, 2020, DGS began live-streaming the general meetings, including the programs, over the Internet. We use a video conferencing service from a company called Zoom. To join, you will need a computer, smartphone, or tablet with access to the internet.

Call for Nominating Committee: The DGS Bylaws require the DGS president to appoint a Nominating Committee composed of two members of the Board of Directors and three members-at-large. The committee shall nominate a slate of officers to be elected at the May general meeting. The officers include the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The president called for volunteers. Gene Burris, Pat and Jim Stone, Jim Thornhill and Tony Hanson volunteered to serve on the committee.

Annual Financial Review for 2019: Susan Rainwater, Gayla Bush, Jim Thornhill, and Suzan Younger conducted the annual financial review in January for the calendar year 2019. The review committee confirmed that all regulatory reports were filed in a timely manner, reviewed a sample of expenses and deposits on a monthly basis, and found the society's financial position to be sound.

President's Annual Report: DGS posted the President's Annual Report from Todd DeDecker on the website.

HistoryGeo: The subscription site HistoryGeo is now available on the computers in the genealogy section on the 8th floor of the Central Library. Arphax Publishing Company produces this subscription service which includes:

- First Landowners - over 12.3 million landowners in 29 public land states AND Texas
- Antique Maps Collection
- Place Finder + Topo Maps: a comprehensive place finder for the Continental U.S.

This is a one-year subscription to the library by DGS. The DGS Board and library administration will assess the use and possible continuation of funding after the initial first year.

Creative Spaces: The Central Library is offering amazing resources for genealogists to record and preserve our family histories through Creative Spaces. The two spaces of particular interest to genealogists are the Heritage Lab on the 8th floor, in the genealogy section, and the Story Center on the 3rd floor. The Heritage lab provides equipment to digitize photos, home movies, documents, slides and audio cassettes. The Story Center is a studio with equipment to create a podcast, make movies, and record your family and friends telling their stories. There is online training for both spaces and staff to help. Please talk to library staff or get additional information and make an appointment on the library's website.

Upcoming SIG meetings were noted. The Events tab on the DGS website contains details about dates, times, and locations of SIGs.

March Monthly Meeting Location Change: The March 7th general meeting will be held in the genealogy section on the 8th floor and not in this auditorium. Stephanie Bennett will be our speaker and will talk on the wealth of resources available to genealogical researchers on the 8th floor. Plan to stay after the meeting and do some research, explore the collections and talk with the staff. We will put a sign outside the auditorium redirecting people to the 8th floor. Come at 10:30 for hospitality which will be in the McDermott Room on the 8th floor.

Upcoming Seminars: Vice President Jim Thornhill highlighted topics and presenters for upcoming seminars and mentioned that volunteers will be needed for the Spring Seminar.

- **Spring Seminar** April 18, 2020 with Tony Burroughs. "Paths to Freedom: African American Research in the South"
- **Summer Seminar** July 25, 2020 with Blaine Bettinger, Diahann Southard, Patricia Hobbs and Mary Eberle. "DNA from A to Z: Unlocking Your Genetic Code"
- **Fall Seminar** October 24, 2020 with David Lambert. "Maine to Virginia: Finding Your Colonial Ancestors"

Board Vacancies:

Director of Publication Content

- Chairs the Publication Committee
- Solicits reviews and content for publication in the eNews, Blog and on the DGS website
- Edits contents for publication

Call for Education Committee Volunteers: The Director of Education is looking for volunteers who will help develop ideas and offer guidance for topics for general meetings and other types of programs. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jean at education@dallasgenealogy.org.

Today's Program: Patti Huff Smith - "Discover New Ancestral Information by Connecting Through Social Media"