

Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting
Minutes
2 May 2020

President Suzan Younger opened the meeting at 11 am as a virtual presentation.

Membership: Webmaster Tony Hanson watched and reported there were 33 members present at the Zoom meeting. There was a quorum present.

Minutes from the Prior Meeting: Susan Rainwater made a motion to accept the April 4, 2020 minutes. Patti Smith seconded the motion. There were no corrections or changes and the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's Report: April 2020 activity shows total deposits of \$306 and total expenses of \$590. The Cash in Bank is \$25,448 and savings of \$97,100. There were no questions about the report,

Last Meeting of the Fiscal Year: President Younger noted that this was the last meeting of the 2019-2020 year, and we will take a summer break. DGS does not hold general meetings during the summer but invites everyone to attend the September 12 General Meeting at the end of summer. And please note, the September meeting will be on the second Saturday of the month because Labor Day falls on the first weekend this year.

Household Membership Category: At the April meeting, we discussed and then tabled the issue of deleting the use of the household category of membership. That issue remains tabled.

- Last month the DGS Board recommended eliminating the household membership, and we tabled that motion.
- Barbara Ware made a motion to remove that motion from the table. Caroline Simpson seconded that motion. Carolyn Davis asked for and received more background on the subject. There was a vote with 100% consent to remove that motion from the table.
- The DGS Board withdrew the recommendation to delete the household membership category.
- Caroline Simpson made a motion to accept that withdrawal. Michelle Cohen seconded that motion. Members in attendance voted to have household memberships remain available.

Election of Executive Committee: Suzan Younger thanked Pat and Jim Stone, Gene Burris, and chair Tony Hanson for serving on this year's Nominating Committee. DGS members approved the slate of officers in April. There have been no new nominations since then. Members at the May meeting voted on the following slate for the 2020-2021 years.

- President: **Suzan Younger**
- Vice President: **Jim Thornhill**
- Secretary: **Gaya Bush**

- Treasurer: **Susan Rainwater**
- Immediate Past President: **Todd DeDecker**

The members in attendance voted on this slate and the Executive Committee was elected with 100% approval.

Virtual Town Hall Meeting, April 25:

Twenty-five people met on Saturday, April 25, for an online Town Hall meeting.

- Recommendations and suggestions included
 - Indexing training and virtual sessions
 - Expanded marketing plans for virtual presentations
 - Pop-up SIG meetings
 - Technology: Storage options, back-up processes, finding duplicate documents and photos on computers, Evernote/OneNote for organizing
 - Subject matter: deeds, Dallas County ROAM site

Virtual Help Desk, April 28:

- DGS held its first Virtual Genealogy Help Desk on Tuesday, April 26
- 28 people joined in, including DPL Genealogy section staff
- DGS will hold three more summer sessions
- Advanced registration is required
- The 4th Tuesday of the month: May 26 ... June 23... July 28

New Board Members: Deane Baron is the new Director of Publication Content and Michelle Dwyer will replace Cathy Dempsey as the Newsletter Editor.

Special Interest Groups: There are six SIGs with online meetings scheduled for May. Please check the DGS Events calendar for additional information.

North Texas Giving Tuesday Now: On May 5, there is a special “North Texas Giving Tuesday Now” sponsored by the Communities Foundation for Texas. Please consider a donation to the Friends of the Dallas Public Library. The Friends provide support to the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

Seminar Updates:

The *DNA from A to Z: Unlocking Your Genetic Code* seminar is still scheduled for July 25. The seminar will probably be virtual, and plans are underway to convert it to a virtual presentation. Please watch the DGS website and look for DGS emails with additional details.

DGS has rescheduled the Tony Burroughs to September 19. The David Lambert seminar is canceled.

Today’s Presentation: Gena Philibert-Ortega live via Zoom - “Celebrating the Vote: 100 Years of Women’s Suffrage”