

**Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting
Minutes
12 September 2020**

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

Membership: Tony Hanson reported that there were 28 members and 7 visitors present at the Zoom meeting today. There was a quorum present.

Minutes from the Prior Meeting: Susan Rainwater made a motion to accept the May 2020 minutes. Jim Thornhill seconded the motion. There were no corrections or changes to the minutes. The minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's Report: August 2020 activity shows total deposits of \$4,876 and total expenses of \$1,024. The Cash in Bank is \$31,340 and savings of \$107,108.

2020-2021 Officers - DGS members elected the DGS officers at the May 2020 meeting.

The 2020-21 DGS officers are:

- President: Suzan Younger
- Vice President: Jim Thornhill
- Secretary: Gaya Bush
- Treasurer: Susan Rainwater
- Immediate Past President: Todd DeDecker

The appointed directors are:

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| • Jean Larson | Education |
| • Gloria Goodwin | Membership |
| • Harmon Adair | Printing & Distribution |
| • Sharon Bowles | Publicity/Public Relations |
| • Deane Baron | Publication Content |
| • Patti Smith | Volunteer Coordination |

The appointed advisors and volunteers are:

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| • Jim Thornhill | IT Administrator |
| • Gloria Goodwin | Mail Administrator |
| • Tony Hanson | Webmaster |
| • Stephanie Bennett | Library Liaison |
| • Michelle Cohen | Newsletter Editor |
| • Kathleen Murray | FGS Delegate |
| • Tammy Garrett | Hospitality |

Summer Update: DGS was busy this summer, starting with a virtual town hall meeting on April 25 when we had comments and suggestions from our members. We held SIG meetings and a monthly virtual genealogy help desk. But our significant effort was the summer seminar – **DNA from A to Z: Unlocking Your Genetic Code**. Thanks to the extraordinary work by a dedicated group of volunteers, DGS presented its first virtual seminar offering three different tracks in one day. We had attendees from all over the United States and three from Canada. It was a success from start to end. Suzan Younger expressed her wish that all of the volunteers could stand up to be recognized and that we could give them a round of applause. To understand how special our volunteers are, Suzan directed the audience to check out the DGS blog article *DNA Seminar Synergy – A Volunteer Success Story* by Tony Hanson.

Special Interest Groups: Upcoming SIG meetings were noted. The Events tab on the DGS website contains details about each meeting.

North Texas Giving Day: The Dallas Genealogical Society will be participating in the 2020 North Texas Giving Day campaign, raising money to fund a second year's subscription to NewspaperArchive.com. North Texas Giving Day will occur on September 17, 2020; donations will be accepted from 6:30 am through midnight. If your plans do not allow you to donate on the 17th, you can schedule your donation until the 16th. Contributions will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$250.

Fall Seminar: Please plan to join us for our fall seminar on Saturday, September 19 – **Paths to Freedom, Essential Steps for African American Genealogy**. We are delighted to have Tony Burroughs as our presenter for this exciting day of genealogy education. DGS will record the lectures, and they will be available for attendees to watch for a week after the seminar. So if you can't attend the live virtual event, you can still sign up and watch the presentations during the following week.

Ari Wilkins, a nationally known speaker and a member of the Dallas Public Library Genealogy section staff, will present during the seminar lunch hour. Her topic will be *"Fostering a Genealogical Curiosity."* She aims to help teach us how to encourage future generations of genealogists.

Today's Presentation: Ari Wilkins - "Reconstructing Communities Using Sanborn Maps, Census Records, and City Directories"