

**Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting
Minutes
2 January 2021**

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

Membership: Tony Hanson reported there were 30 members and 24 visitors present at the Zoom meeting today. There was a quorum present.

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

Treasurer's Report: December 2020 activity shows total deposits of \$967 and total expenses of \$760. The cash in the bank is \$24,913 and savings of \$117,114.

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. If interested, please contact any board member. Our addresses are on the DGS webpage under the HOME tab, Society Leaders. You may also email us at info@dallasgenealogy.org.

DGS Annual Service Awards Committee: We also need two members at large to serve on the Awards Committee. A Board member will chair the committee and hold virtual meetings. This group identifies the DGS Volunteer of the Year, DGS Award of Merit, DGS Distinguished Service Award, and DGS Heritage Preservation Award based on established criteria. Please contact any board member or email us at info@dallasgenealogy.org.

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

Other Meetings and Classes:

DGS also hosts a monthly Virtual Genealogy Help Desk on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next online meeting is at 7:00 on January 26. Bring your questions or help with the answers. The link to this meeting is on the DGS website on the Events tab.

Dallas College: "How to Research Genealogy Online" taught by Mic Barnette. The course is in two parts of 8 weeks in each part and starts Jan. 19. Contact: Dwhaley-Stephenson@dcccd.edu

2021 Seminars: The first two seminars for 2021 are part of the DGS series "In Pursuit of Genealogical Excellence."

- Michael D. Lacopo - Mastering Genealogical Research - April 9-10, 2021
- Thomas W. Jones - Write It Up - July 9-10, 2021

Gift: The Dallas Genealogical Society Board decided to give a holiday gift to the Genealogy Section at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. Thanks to your generosity, we've raised \$185 of the approximately \$200 needed. There is still time to make a donation. We will leave the donation period open until the end of January. You can make your donation from the DGS website by going to the "GET INVOLVED" tab and then clicking on the "Donated to DGS." Click on the blue button "DONATE NOW" and designate the money goes to the Dallas Public Library: Materials for Genealogy Department.

Thank you to the people who have generously given the \$185!

Website Updates: Tony Hanson, DGS Webmaster, and Susan Rainwater, Treasurer, have been busy updating the DGS website. Their work has enhanced the search capabilities on the website and allows Google to be more effective on the website. An example is the Dallas Quarterlies.

Today's Presentation: Stephanie Bennett - "Fold3"