

**Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting
Minutes
6 February 2021**

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

Membership: Tony Hanson reported there were 42 members and 30 visitors present at the Zoom meeting. There was a quorum present.

Minutes from the previous meeting are on the DGS website.

Treasurer's Report: January 2021 activity shows total deposits of \$775 and total expenses of \$3,090. The cash in the bank is \$22,991, savings is \$117,068, and there is \$50 in an investment account.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee is composed of three Board members and two members at large. They are working hard to identify candidates for the executive committee officers. Patti Huff Smith will present the slate of officers at the April meeting, and the membership will vote on the slate at the May meeting. If you are interested in serving on the executive committee of DGS or know of someone who may be interested, please email nominations@dallasgenealogy.org.

Awards Committee: We still 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 the president or any Board member if you are interested in serving on the Awards Committee. Our email addresses are on the DGS webpage under the HOME tab, Society Leaders. You may also find Contact Information at the bottom of the DGS website and email us at info@dallasgenealogy.org.

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

Other Dates to Remember:

- 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 February 23. Bring your questions or help with the answers. The link to this meeting is on the DGS website on the Events tab.

- **Rootstech 2021** is free and an excellent opportunity to experience this conference from the comfort of your home, February 25-27.
- **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. All-virtual. Registration is now open.
Thomas W. Jones - Write It Up - July 9-10, 2021. It will be virtual and it may be in-person as well.
Fall 2021 David Lambert - Maine to Virginia: Finding Your Colonial Ancestors, October 23, 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 \$270. The books are ordered and on their way to the library and will be there when the library reopens.

You may remember that Ari Wilkins presented the Lunch & Learn lecture at the Tony Burroughs Fall 2020 seminar. In place of a fee, DGS gifted the DPL Genealogy Section twelve books selected by Ari. These books are some new resources for African American research and will be available when the library reopens.

Updates to DGS Website:

Tony Hanson, DGS webmaster, and Susan Rainwater, Treasurer, are updating the DGS website. Their work has enhanced the website’s search capabilities and allows Google searches to be more effective. We’ve added new volunteers working on this and still need more. This volunteer work entails indexing the table of contents for DGS newsletters for several decades. If you are interested in volunteering for the project, go to the front page of our website at Dallaskgenealogy.com and click on *Help Transcribe Our Newsletters*. There you’ll find information about the project and a helpful tutorial video to get you started.

Today’s Presentation: Paul Beaty - “Finding a Great-Grandfather with DNA”