

Dallas Genealogical Society May 2022 General Meeting Notes

President Jim Thornhill opened the meeting at 11:00am. It was a virtual meeting.

Treasurer's Report: April 2022 activity shows \$6,584.08 total deposits and \$5,076.06 total payments. The checking account balance is \$16,714.35, the savings account balance is \$122,495.61 , and the investment account balance is \$37,788.69. .

Quorum: There were 20 attendees plus 4 cohosts for a total of 24. The quorum was met.

Minutes from the Prior Meeting: There were no corrections and were approved. They can be seen on the DGS website.

Upcoming Activities:

- There will be no summer General Meetings; however, several of the SIGS will meet. Please consult the DGS website Calendar of Events for these dates and times.
- The Summer Seminar will July 16 and feature Kelvin Myers on Texas land records. It will be a hybrid event and thanks to the generosity of long-time DGS member Shirley Sloat, members cost will be only \$25! Thanks Shirley!
- Sat. Sep 3 will be our first General Meeting back in the library. The General Meetings will continue to be hybrid, with a virtual option as well as in-person.
- Jim also mentioned the "Black Sheep" writing contest will continue through the summer, with a winner for the best story to be awarded in Nov. Send those tales of wayward ancestors to the Newsletter.

Election of Officers: The nominated slate of officers were approved. There were no nominations from the floor. New officers will be *President*-Jim Thornhill; *Vice President*-Patti Huff Smith, and *Secretary*-Ann Broihier.

Prize Drawing: 2 free registration fees for the Fall Seminar were awarded to members who joined or renewed during the April/May Membership Drive.

- LaJuana Lawrence
- Al Weeks (a lifetime member)

Updates on DGS Accomplishments

- The Rebranding is completed after a year of hard work by the several members of the Branding Comm!
- Over 2000 books have now been purchased for the Dallas Public Library Genealogical Section.
- We collaborated with other local organizations;
 - Arlington Family History Center, for their Lineage Fair
 - Hogar
 - Preservation Dallas for their Cemetery Tour. We sponsored Oakland Cemetery and feedback was extremely positive; i.e-"Oakland was the best cemetery on the tour."
- Board Reorganization: Several Board members are rotating off, so there is a need for new Directors and Assistants. Please consider volunteering for a position. DGS member Caroline

Simpson said she would be willing to come back on the Board. This will be followed up for the best placement.

Presentation of the Annual Awards

- *Heritage Preservation Award* goes to the *St. Louis Genealogical Society*. Presented by Samantha Barnes.
- *Volunteer of the Year* goes to *Ann Broihier*. Presented by Karan Marshall.
- *Lloyd Bockstruck Distinguished Service* goes posthumously to *Debbie Parker Wayne*. Presented by Jean Larson.
- *President's Special Award* goes to *Ken Johnston*. Presented by Jim Thornhill.
- *Award of Merit* goes to *Susan Chance Rainwater*. Presented by Tony Hanson.

Submitted by Sharon Bowloes May 15,2022