

Minutes of the General Meeting  
Dallas Genealogical Society  
Saturday, November 5, 2011  
Auditorium, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library  
Dallas Public Library System

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by President David Temple.

Secretary Carolyn Davis read the minutes of the last General Meeting, held October 1. Fred Moss moved, seconded by Ed Kutz, that the minutes be approved as read. The motion carried.

David explained that the Society's accounts and other financial records are in the process of being transitioned to our new treasurer Nathan White. Nathan announced that he will present October's financial report at the next meeting.

VP of Education Jean Larson asked for feedback regarding the 2012 Salt Lake City research trip. She is considering scheduling it for Saturday to Saturday instead of our traditional Sunday to Sunday because she has received several comments that airfare is usually less expensive on these days. Email her at [education@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:education@dallasgenealogy.org) to comment.

Jean also asked for volunteers to make beginning family history presentations to community centers, women's clubs, etc. She has received several requests for speakers from these types of organizations and believes that this an excellent way to increase interest in genealogy, in addition to recruiting new members. Email Jean at [education@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:education@dallasgenealogy.org) if you are interested. Volunteers don't need to be experts, just enthusiastic.

The VP of Education reminded members that the annual Awards Luncheon will be Saturday, December 10th in the O'Hara Room on the 7th floor of the Central Library. Celebration will cater the meal which will be free to members. Guests of members and others will be charged a fee. A reservation is required. Details will be available soon.

Jean also announced that the Awards Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 9, to discuss the 2011 awards which will be presented on December 10. The categories are Award of Merit, Heritage Preservation Award, Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award, and Volunteer of the Year. Nominations can be sent to [education@dallasgenealogy.org](mailto:education@dallasgenealogy.org).

David announced to the membership that the DGS web site has been awarded First Place in the 2011 Texas State Genealogical Society's 'Partner Society Website Design' competition. He congratulated Webmaster Tony Hanson and IT Administrator Barbara Ware for their dedication and hard work.

VP of Membership Gloria Goodwin reported that the current membership in DGS is 423. 49 members and 8 guests were present at the meeting.

David reviewed the DGS Profit & Loss Budget Overview, September 2011-September 2012, copies of which were distributed to attendees at the beginning of the meeting. Nathan White moved, seconded by Shirley Sloat, that the Overview be approved by the membership. The motion carried.

David asked for questions about the Proposed ByLaws revision prior to a vote on the document. One correction regarding a cross reference citation was noted, a clarification was requested related to the method(s) of notification to be used for called special meetings, and a brief discussion was held about how specific the ByLaws need to be about the number and dates of meetings. Gloria Goodwin moved, seconded by Liz Kutz, that the ByLaws be approved with the one correction as noted. The motion carried unanimously.

Following the meeting, our speaker Lloyd Bockstruck presented an engaging and informative talk about The War of 1812.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted.

Carolyn Davis  
DGS Secretary