

Minutes of the General Meeting
Dallas Genealogical Society
Saturday, May 5, 2012
Auditorium, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
Dallas Public Library System

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Vice President Sandra Crowley.

Secretary Carolyn Davis read the minutes of the April 7 General Meeting. Henry Moore moved that the minutes be approved as read. The motion carried.

Treasurer Nathan White reported that all checks have been deposited and all bills paid. The Society has \$51,760 in our checking account and \$54,400 in our money fund. He also announced two bequests to the Society: from the estate of Pamela Redfern Holman (\$5000) and C. Maxine Morrision (\$40,500).

Director of Membership Gloria Goodwin reported 48 members and 15 visitors in attendance.

Sandra reminded the audience about the Summer Institute on July 13-14. Mark Lowe's program is titled "Finding My Way Home: Methodology, Records and the Old South". She also announced that information about the September 29th Fall Lecture, "Military Records" by Craig Scott, will be distributed by the middle of July.

Director of Education Jean Larson noted that there were 5 rooms still available for the Salt Lake City Trip on September 12-19. She also asked for volunteers for the position of Director of Education for the 2012-2013 Board term.

Webmaster Tony Hanson reported that feedback for the three beginning genealogy classes held in April was very positive. He also announced that new DGS member Mark Milner will be assisting him with the web site. Tony also announced that the Society is holding a 1940 US Census indexing challenge and contest. The goal is to index at least 5000 names between Thursday, May 3 and Sunday May 6. The person who indexes the most records (with the highest quality) will win a year's individual membership in the DGS.

The next order of business was the election of officers for the 1912-1913 Board year. Sandra thanked the Nominating Committee for their work and announced the following slate:

David Temple - President
Vice President - Sandra Crowley
Secretary - Jean Larson
Treasurer - Nathan White

Tony Hanson moved, seconded by Ora Penn, that the nominations be closed. The motion carried.

Carolyn Davis moved, seconded by Liz Thurmond, that the membership accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion carried.

DGS member and active participant on FGS's Records Preservation and Access Committee, Fred Moss, provided an update on attempts by Congress to limit public access to the Social Security Death Index. Four different bills are working their way through various Congressional committees which differ in proposed restrictions. Both Ancestry and FamilySearch may limit access to the database's most recent years until a compromise is achieved. Fred urged attendees to follow SSDI news on the RPAC page of FGS's web site:

[Records Preservation and Access Committee](#).

Jean introduced the speaker for the program - Lynell Moss's presentation on "Proven Research Strategies". This was a well-received discussion of research strategies for using, abstracting, analyzing, and correlating the information in locality associated records.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Davis, Secretary
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