

The Dallas Genealogy Society
General Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2018

The general meeting of the Dallas Genealogy Society was opened by the current President, Todd DeDecker at 11:00 AM

The minutes of the May 6th general business meeting are posted on the table and our website. No comments or questions are raised: we will consider them approved.

Attendance is reported by Gloria Goodwin there are 35 members, a quorum, for today's business. The society has 5 guests and 2 new members. Todd welcomes everyone and the new members and guests.

The Treasurer's Report is given by Travis Tynes. The Financial Report for the Dallas Genealogy Society for the month of August 2018 are: deposits of \$3,110.00, expenses were \$3,766.00, leaving a negative balance of \$666.00. The ending balance is \$152,986.00. Mr. DeDecker asked for any questions about the financial statement? A question was asked about making payments for the Lloyd Bockstruck fund; making the check out to Dallas Genealogy Society and writing Lloyd's name in the memo line. The Treasurer's report is approved and filed for audit.

The president announces this is the first meeting of the year 2018-2019; in May we nominated officers. September is the first meeting so Todd presented the new slate of officers; Jim Thornhill, Vice President Caroline Simpson, Secretary Travis Tynes, Treasurer and Todd is president for a second term. Todd recognizes the directors for the new term Lisa Ross, Gloria Goodman, Harmon Adair and Patti Smith for their work. This is the slate nominated in May and needs to be ratified for the 2018-2019 term. A motion is made to elect this slate of officers by unanimous consent; motion is seconded and approved.

Todd encouraged the members to consider volunteering for something in the New Year. On the DGS web site there is a pull down menu called Get Involved to review vacant positions. Talking to any officer, wearing a badge, members can consider what will be good for them. Current openings, Todd talked about Social Media, Hospitality, Content and Newsletter and Board Member. Asking the members what they like to do and how can it help the society.

The Dallas Public Library is participating in the annual program; Genealogy Network of Texas: Family History Celebration on Friday, October 19th, From 10 AM to 8:30 PM. They will be broadcasting programs for here and other libraries in Texas. We hope you can come and also volunteer your time; sign up on the DGS website.

Presentation was made about North Texas Giving Day on Thursday, September 20th. This year we are planning to digitize all of our newsletters from 1976 to 2016, about 3700 pages, to

publish on our website. We also applied for a North Texas, "Saving Texas History" grant and have received \$1,000.

Jim Thornhill gave the seminar update; we had over 100 people attend the summer seminar with J. Mark Lowe. 100% of the people surveyed said they plan to attend another seminar. The fall seminar will be, Mr. David Rencher on Saturday, September 29th. The subject will be Irish Genealogy. On April 13th, 2019 the speaker will be Michael Lacopo, the subject is "A method to our Madness: Sound Methodology for Successful Research". The summer seminar will be Judy Russell, the Legal genealogist. And the fall 2019 seminar will feature Jen Baldwin on Ancestral Journeys.

For the guests and new members Todd talks about the goals of the Dallas Genealogy Society which are preservation of records and education. Todd talks about the history of last year's Bring a Friend program. And the winner of last year's bring a friend is Patti Smith. And Patti brought 2 guests to this program.

The future schedule for the Special Interest Group or SIGs meeting are scheduled from September 9th through October 4th. The DGS website will have details about time and place.

The Annual Awards Meeting will be Saturday, December 8th to have some fun, celebrate the work that has been done and recognize members of merit.

Business meeting was adjourned at 11: 25 AM. Our speaker today is Betsy Mills on Dating, Identifying, Preserving and Sharing Old Photographs.