

The Dallas Genealogy Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2019

The general meeting of the Dallas Genealogy Society was opened by Todd DeDecker at 11:00AM. With all the rainy weather and traffic Todd thanked everyone for coming. March 2nd minutes are posted on the website and in the lobby. With no objections the minutes of the previous meeting are approved.

Todd has checked with Gloria Goodwin taking attendance and we have a quorum. Next month is election month and we need to have a quorum to proceed with business.

The Treasurer, Travis Tynes, could not be present. Todd DeDecker posted and read the Treasurer's' Report. The cash report of the Dallas Genealogical Society for the month of March 2019 is: Total Deposits \$4,177, Total Payments was \$1,387, Net Increase of Cash is \$2,790 Beginning Balance of Cash in Bank of \$115,062, End of the month balance \$117,852. We are gearing up for the seminar on April 13<sup>th</sup> and most of the deposits came from registration. Hearing no questions from the meeting we will file the Treasurer's cash report for audit.

Todd asks Suzan Younger, director of Publications Content, to come up and talk about the committee work. Suzan introduces herself and her committee of Terri O'Neal, Barbara Ware, Kathleen Murray, Tony Hanson and Caroline Simpson. We are in the process of reviewing the procedures of how to publish something at the Dallas Genealogy Society. Processes have changed since we transition our publications from paper to electronic media. And when the Board approves these new procedures we will update the website and pass them onto you. We have been successful these past couple of months with newsletter updating the website. Points out the updating the blog site. Where it is and what it does. Added two new catalogues under publications; Articles and Bockstruck papers bibliographies and also included Lloyds Heraldry and Lineage Society Applications. Under "other publications" we have a long list and growing publication of Dallas and surrounding areas. Under cemetery records we have a database search tool of people in 34 cemeteries. Barbara Ware is continuing add content of more cemeteries. We have updated our Dallas county cemetery map. Also if you have a book or an article you would like to have posted on the publications website please contact Suzan younger at DGS home under content.

Vice President, Jim Thornhill, presented the spring seminar speaker. Dr. Michael Lacopo will speak on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Dallas Public Library. The subject Dr. Lacopo will be speaking on is, "A Method to Our Madness: Sound Methodology for Successful Research". Michael will also speak on German Research techniques. We have just over 100 registrants and have room for 70 more. Jim stresses that we could not do this without you; please consider volunteering.

The on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Judy Russell will be presenting in our summer series. The subject is "Their Day in Court: Tracing Your Ancestors through Courthouse Records". Registration will open for the summer the week after the spring seminar, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Tony Hanson reported for the 2019-2020 nominating committee; members are Tony Hanson, Cathy Dempsey, Lisa Kutz, Gayla Bush and Caroline Simpson. The committee would like to announce the slate of officers for 2019-2020; President Suzan Younger, Vice President Jim Thornhill, Secretary Gayla Bush and Treasurer Susan Rainwater. I have conceded to be Webmaster and Todd DeDecker will be past president. Thanks you to the people who agreed to this.

Todd announces the schedule for upcoming SIG meetings. For the month of April; 14<sup>th</sup> is Roots Magic and Family Tree Maker meeting, the 17<sup>th</sup> is Jewish , 18<sup>th</sup> is DNA, 20<sup>st</sup> is African American and 27<sup>th</sup> is Brown Bag, aka Best Practices, and MacGen Reunion. Dates times and locations on the website. The Brown Bag sig is changing their name to Best Practices Group, beyond the Basics. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month in the McDermitt Room.

Todd wanted to mention that April is National Volunteer month and wanted to see how many people have volunteer. Enjoy, this month is for you.

Patti Smith, volunteer director introduces Patti Gillespie of Family Lives and Stories. The program is, "Military Pensions; Vital Records in Disguise".

General meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM