

Dallas Genealogical Society 2015-2016

GENERAL MEETING 01/09

09 January 2016 / 11:00AM-12:45PM / Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, TX 75201

CALL TO ORDER

Tony Hanson, DGS President, called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

ATTENDEES

24 members attending

AGENDA

Confirmation of Quorum

DGS President reported that we did not have a quorum. However, there were no issues required a vote from the membership.

Parking

DGS President reminded attendees that parking tickets could be paid at the front desk to obtain a reduced rate of \$1.50.

Treasurer's Report (Susan Rainwater) – Susan reported that all bills have been paid. Current balances are: \$26,700 in the Chase Checking and \$101,749 in the Savings accounts.

Seminars (Kathleen Murray) – Kathleen announced the lineup for the 2016 Seminar series:

- Spring (19 March): Paul Milner
- Summer (29-30 July): Denise Levenick
- Fall (17 September): Curt Witcher

She also reported that the Fall, 2015 Seminar received excellent feedback from the 79% of the attendees who responded to the survey. 98% indicated that would attend a future event.

Recent Board Activities

DGS President reported on several recent board actions:

- Purchased a new laptop PC & software for the Treasurer
- Renewed our Liability and Directors/Officers insurance policies
- Staffing a table at this year's North Texas Irish Festival

Writing Contest

The 2016 Writing Contest (chaired by Marianne Szabo) is underway and will end March 30. Winning submissions will receive cash awards and will be published in a future edition of Pegasus, The Journal of the Dallas Genealogical Society. Go to <http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/publications/pegasus/> for details.

Volunteer Recognition

- Tony Hanson thanked Liz Thurmond and Gloria Goodwin for handling registration at the 2015 Holiday Awards celebration.

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- He also recognized Sandra Crowley, Janet Khashab, Ed Millis, Shirley Sloat, Marianne Szabo, Julie Cahil Tarr and Elizabeth Thurmond for the time, effort and skill they all contributed in the publication of the 60th Anniversary Edition of Pegasus.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Nominations Committee - Three members from the General Membership are needed for the committee which will be formed in February
- Dallas County Probate Records - DGS members are asked to help complete the metadata for the Dallas County Probate Record images now available on the Portal to Texas History. Volunteers need to examine all of the documents in each case to determine the date range for each case.
- See <http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/projects/> for more information and to volunteer

New Business

- Shirley Sloat read portions of the obituary of Betty Miller, wife of long time member Alan Miller.
- Karen Claridge Walker presented a copy of her just published book, *'Rufus and Lily - The letters, lives and lineages of Rufus Blandford and Lillian Burkhardt, Volume 2'* to the DGS to donate on her behalf the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library.

Society Support

Members are asked to sign up for the Good Neighbor (Tom Thumb) and Community Rewards (Kroger) programs to insure that the DGS receives a 1% donation for all of their purchases. See <http://dallasgenealogy.com/dgs/business-support/> for additional information.

Upcoming Meetings

- January 16 - AAGIG - 2:00 PM - 4:45 PM; 1st Floor – West Room
- January 20 - Jewish SIG - 1:00 PM; 8th Floor – McDermott Room
- January 21 - DNA SIG - 6:00 - 8:00PM; 5th Floor – Hamon Room
- January 23 - Brown Bag SIG - 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM; 8th Floor – McDermott Room
- February 6 - General Meeting - 11:00 AM, 1st Floor Auditorium
- February 13 - MacGen SIG 2:00 - 4:00PM; 8th Floor – McDermott Room

The speaker at the February 6 General Meeting will be Steven Butler, PhD. His topic will be 'How to find your English Convict Ancestor'

Program Speaker

Judy Allen Knight, introduced by Cheryl Freeman, presented *'From Respected Lawyer to Counterfeiter - Digging for details using genealogical and federal court and penitentiary records tells quite a story'*

NEXT GENERAL MEETING – Saturday February 6

MEETING ADJOURNED – 12:00 PM

Submitted by Jean Larson