

Dallas Genealogical Society  
May 7, 2016  
General Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance - Confirmation of quorum by Gloria Goodwin

Review of the minutes from April 2, 2016 meeting. Minute meetings accepted as posted.

Executive Board Election: Motion by Carolyn Davis to close executive board nominations; motion second by Kathleen Murray; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Susan Rainwater: Checking account - \$28,776.59, Savings Account - \$140,078.56

Seminar Update - Kathleen Murray: Denise Levenick, Summer Seminar: Preserving and Sharing Our Family Treasures on July 29 - July 30 and Curt Witcher, Fall Seminar on September 17.

Todd DeDecker won the drawing of the Bring a Visitor Campaign with free admission to the Summer Institute

Marianne Szabo announced the winners of the 2016 Writing contest. 1st prize: Ray Harriot, "A Case Study in Using DNA for DAR Membership: First Successful Application"; 2nd prize: Jana Walker, "The Elusive Andrew Lyday, 1804-1849"; 3rd prize: "Alice's Looking Glass: Reflection on the Prussian Drahn's to Texas.

#### Board Activities

- Writing contest: 8 articles submitted
- Approved involvement in the University of North Texas Portal to Texas History Endowment fund. Funding level to be determined in the 2016 - 2017 budget
- Budget Committee Named:
  - Susan Rainwater (Chair), Kathleen Murray, Tony Hanson
  - David Temple, Sandra Crowley

#### Volunteer Spotlight - volunteers needed for the following:

- Pleasant Mound Billion Graves/My Heritage Cemetery Project - This was an extremely successful event. The images are currently being transcribed.
- Probate Record Date Range Effort - 14% complete thanks to Gloria Goodwin (67 cases), Karen Walker (60 cases), Susan Rainwater (39 cases), John Withers (24 cases) and David Passman (3)
- McGowan Funeral Home project: RL Canady and Ora Penn have led an effort to index files from the McGowan Funeral Home. More than 2400 files have been indexed so far, and those records are now available on the DGS website.

### Upcoming Events

- May 9 - MacGen SIG (2:00)
- May 18 - Jewish SIG (10:00)
- May 19 - DNA (6:00)
- May 21 - AAGIG
- May 28 - Brown Bag SIG (10:30)
- July 29-30 - Summer Seminar: Denise Levenick
- September 10 - General Meeting. The Educational Presentation will be 'Researching Female Ancestors' by Pat Gordon
- September 17 - Fall Seminar - Curt Witcher

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Educational Presentation - DGS@60: Tony Hanson, Carolyn Davis, Barbara Ward, Kathleen Murray, Lloyd Bockstruck

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.  
Minutes submitted by Brenda Cannon