

Minutes of the General Meeting
Dallas Genealogical Society
Saturday, September 10, 2011
Auditorium, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
Dallas Public Library System

The meeting was called to order at 11am by President Janet Khashab.

Secretary Carolyn Davis read the minutes of the last general meeting, held on May 7. Jean Larson moved, seconded by Liz Thurmond, that the minutes be approved as read. The motion carried.

Treasurer David Temple reported that, as of the end of the current fiscal year which ended August 31, 2011, DGS has \$39,941.08 in our checking account, \$33,798.41 in the CD and \$19,241.93 in our money market account. This is a total of \$92,981.42. The Society had approximately \$23,000.00 in income and \$7,200.00 in expenses during the year.

Janet made a plea for volunteers to help with hospitality at the monthly meetings, as well as other projects that the Society is working on.

32 members and 1 visitor were in attendance.

The President summarized her Annual Report to the membership for the Society's year January, 2010 through August, 2011. It will be published in its entirety in the August, 2011 issue of the Newsletter.

A society's success is measured by its accomplishments which support its mission. During the Society's current term;

- i. it sponsored Lectures, the Summer Institute, published the Newsletter, and provided other activities which created and fostered an interest in genealogy.
- ii. supported the Dallas Public Library with both monetary donations and volunteer time.
- iii. mobilized support to help lessen the impact of the City's budget cuts on the Library and its research collections.
- iv. published the DGS Journal to advance knowledge of local history for family researchers.
- v. maintained the financial stability of the Society.

Janet acknowledged that DGS lost members during the year, but emphasized that this is a problem being experienced by genealogical societies nationwide.

Six members left the Board during the 2010-2011 term for various reasons. Remaining Board members assumed the duties of these positions in order to keep the Society functioning.

Janet expressed great job satisfaction during her term as President and also thanked the two Board members who will not be continuing on the Board for their contributions - Ora Penn, VP of the Journal and Carl Oehmann, VP of Newsletter and Acting Director of Mailings.

The President presented to the membership a graphic of the model of the proposed new Board configuration and explained the operational needs/problems which this new model is designed to solve. The Board is proposing ByLaws changes to enable this improvement; they will be disseminated to the membership in a variety of ways. The changes will be discussed at the October General Meeting and voted on at the November General Meeting.

At this time, Janet passed the president's gavel to the newly-elected president, David Temple. David introduced himself and provided background about his occupation and interest in family history research. He also expressed the Society's need for volunteers to help with our various projects.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

VP of Education Jean Larson introduced the speaker for the day's program. Sherry Johnson is a Dallas Public Library employee who worked in the Genealogy Division for a number of years before being re-assigned to one of the Branch Libraries last year. She described the finding aids, indexes, resources and other content, as well as the services, that are accessible through the Genealogy Division's web page, which she helped to create and develop.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Davis, Secretary
Dallas Genealogical Society