

Minutes of the General Meeting
Dallas Genealogical Society
Saturday, October 1, 2011
Auditorium, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
Dallas Public Library System

The meeting was called to order at 11am by President David Temple.

Secretary Carolyn Davis read the minutes of the last general meeting, held September 10. Harmon Adair moved, seconded by Ed Kutz, that the minutes be approved as read. The motion carried.

David announced that Treasurer Nathan White was not able to attend the meeting, but will give the treasurer's report at the November meeting, as well as present the Society's budget for the 2011-2012 term.

VP of Fundraising Sandra Crowley announced the speakers and topics for the Spring and Fall Lectures: Josh Taylor - 3/24/2012 and Craig Scott - 9/22/2012. Plans have not been finalized for the 2012 Summer Institute. Sandra asked the membership for topics/speakers of interest.

VP of Education Jean Larson announced our speaker for the November General Meeting. Lloyd Bockstruck will present a program on War of 1812 records. She also provided the date for our annual Awards Luncheon - Saturday, December 10.

David led a discussion of the proposed ByLaws changes. These changes result from the first overall review of the ByLaws since the Society was formed in 1955. The proposed changes will help the Society to keep up with modern technology and encourage volunteerism. They streamline our organizational structure by redefining elected officers and appointed officers, as well as correct inconsistencies and confusing wording. Members will have access to the proposed changes in a number of ways - on the Society's web site, copies placed at the Volunteer Desk in the Genealogy Division of DPL, and paper copies mailed to those members for whom we don't have email addresses. A specific email address has been created - bylaws@dallasgenealogy.org - for members to communicate questions and comments to the Board. The President acknowledged the hard work and commitment of the ByLaws Committee - Chair Jean Larson, Nathan White and Sandra Crowley.

Webmaster Tony Hanson announced that 1995-2010 issues of the DGS Journal are now on the [Portal to Texas History](#) web site developed by the University of North Texas Libraries.

32 members and 5 guests attended the meeting.

Jean introduced the speakers and topic for the program - AREN'T YOU FINISHED WITH OAKLAND YET?. Carole Ruska, Barbara Ware, Suzan Younger and Tony Hanson discussed transcribing, photographing and publishing cemetery tombstones and records, especially the Oakland Cemetery project. In addition, the team unveiled the searchable DGS cemetery online database developed by our webmaster. It is accessed from the [Cemeteries](#) section under the Resources tab of our web site.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Davis, Secretary
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