

Minutes of the General Meeting
Dallas Genealogical Society
Saturday, January 7, 2012
Auditorium, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
Dallas Public Library System

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by President David Temple.

Secretary Carolyn Davis read the minutes of the last General Meeting held December 10, 2011. Marianne Szabo moved, seconded by Liz Thurmond, that the minutes be approved as read. The motion carried.

VP Sandra Crowley made the following announcements:

- Josh Taylor from the New England Historic Genealogical Society will be the speaker at our Spring Lecture on March 24.
- Final decision on the topic and speakers for the Summer Institute is pending.
- Craig Scott will present a program on military research at the Fall Lecture on September 29.
- The Texas State Genealogical Society will host a meeting in Fort Worth Nov. 1-3, 2012. Curt Witcher, Manager of the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, will be the featured speaker.

Treasurer Nathan White is out of town and will present the treasurer's report at our next meeting.

Director of Education Jean Larson asked for volunteers to assist her in planning programs or events to tie in with two TV series this spring - "Who Do You Think You Are" on NBC and PBS's "Finding Your Roots" hosted by Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. In addition, she announced that the DGS trip to Salt Lake City will take place September 12-19, 2012. Rooms at the Plaza hotel will be \$82 per night. Jean also announced our programs for the next four months:

- Feb 4 - Janet Branstetter
- Mar 3 - RootsTech
- Apr 7 - DMN archives via DPL web site
- May 5 - Lynell Moss

Late last year, the DGS web site was awarded First Place in the 2011 Texas State Genealogical Society's 'Partner Society Website Design' competition. At today's meeting, David presented Webmaster Tony Hanson with the TSGS certificate that accompanied the award.

Director of Publication Content Marianne Szabo described her duties regarding our web site, eBlasts, Newsletter and Journal - to oversee the consistency and quality of the messages that DGS presents via our various communications tools. She announced the formation of a Publications Committee to assist her - Janet Khashab and Sandra Crowley. The Committee is seeking volunteers for the positions of Newsletter Editor and Journal Editor. They have also posted a "Newsletter Writers' Guidelines" document to the DGS web site to assist those who want to contribute content to the publication.

Member Shirley Sloat proposed a repeat of our successful "clean out your closet" sale from a year ago. Members are encouraged to pull together genealogy-related items that they no longer need or use - forms, books, tech gadgets, software, hardware, etc. - to be displayed during Hospitality Time before a General Meeting in the next month or two. People will be asked to donate what they feel the item is worth with the proceeds going to the Society in support of its mission. Details will be forthcoming.

55 members and 3 guests attended the meeting.

Jean introduced the program speaker for this month's meeting. Meg Hacker, manager of the Southwest regional office of the National Archives and Records Administration in Fort Worth, presented a very informative and lively overview of the 1940 US Federal Census which will be released on April 2, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Davis, Secretary
Dallas Genealogical Society