

Minutes of the General Meeting  
Dallas Genealogical Society  
Saturday, February 4, 2012  
Auditorium, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library  
Dallas Public Library System

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am by President David Temple.

Secretary Carolyn Davis read the minutes of the General Meeting held January 7, 2012. Jean Larson moved that the minutes be approved as read. The motion carried.

Member Shirley Sloat announced details of our Society's Genealogical Trash or Treasure event to be held during the Hospitality Time before our March 3 General Meeting. Members are urged to bring genealogical-related items for resale - books, software/hardware, supplies, forms, etc. Attendees will donate what they feel an item is worth in jars provided on the tables. A silent auction will be conducted for items of significant value that are donated. Items not sold will be carried over to the Spring Lecture on March 24.

David announced that there would be no Treasurer or VP report because many of the Board Members were at the RootsTech Conference in Salt Lake City.

Director of Education Jean Larson made two announcements:

- The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History presents an exhibition from 17 Dec 2011 - 01 Apr 2012 titled "Forgotten Gateway; Coming to America Through Galveston Island". [Forgotten Gateway | Fort Worth Museum of Science and History](#).
- The DGS research trip to Salt Lake City will be 12-19 Sep 2012. Registration information will be forthcoming.

Director of Membership Gloria Goodwin reported that 46 members and 5 guests were in attendance.

David expressed his concern about recent news items related to access restrictions to genealogy-related archives.

- The Georgia Archives is about to close because of budget constraints.
- Texas Congressional Representative Sam Johnson is co-sponsor of a bill that will severely restrict use of the Social Security Death Index because of concerns related to identity theft.

Carolyn informed the members about:

- the addition of Twitter feeds to the DGS web site home page which will keep readers apprised of news items in the genealogy world.
- WDYTYA upcoming episodes.

Jean introduced our speaker Janet Branstetter whose topic "Surfing, Plucking and Planning" was well received by the attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Davis, Secretary  
Dallas Genealogical Society