

Minutes of the General Meeting
Dallas Genealogical Society
Saturday, March 3, 2012
Auditorium, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
Dallas Public Library System

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

Secretary Carolyn Davis read the minutes of the February General Meeting. Jean Larson moved, seconded by Liz Kutz, that the minutes be approved as read. The motion carried.

Director of Membership Gloria Goodwin announced that 40 members and 5 guests were in attendance.

Treasurer Nathan White reported that all of the Society's bills have been paid and all deposits made. He also announced that the Society is the beneficiary of two recent bequests: one for \$5000.00 and the other for an amount still to be determined.

On behalf of VP Sandra Crowley, David reminded attendees of the Spring Lecture on March 24 - "Exploring Connections" featuring D. Joshua Taylor. The Early Bird price has expired, but seating is still available at \$50.00 for members and \$60.00 for non-members.

Director of Education Jean Larson:

- outlined the programs for the last two meetings of the year: April 7-Brian Collins, "How to search the DMN Archives" and May 5-Lynell Moss, "Proven Research Strategies".
- announced that the Fort Worth Genealogical Society is offering for sale a new CD which covers Texas marriage records from 1837-1905.
- reminded attendees of two new genealogy-themed TV programs being broadcast this spring: NBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" and "Finding Your Roots" on PBS.
- announced that the Society is developing a 3-session beginning genealogy course to be held on consecutive Saturdays in April. Details will be communicated in the next week or two.

Nathan urged members to write their Congressional representatives about our concerns regarding the unintended consequences of House Bill HR 3475 introduced by Sam Johnson (R-Texas) and to support the efforts of the Records Preservation and Access Committee, a joint committee of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Genealogical Society, and the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies.

David announced that a Nominating Committee has been formed to nominate officers for the 2012-2013 Board year. The slate of officers will be presented to the membership at the April General Meeting, with a vote to be conducted at the Society's May meeting. Janet Khashab, Chair, as well as Jean Larson, will represent the Board on the Nominating Committee. Ora Penn, Jimmy Walters and Linda Lane will serve from the general membership. Carolyn Davis moved, seconded by Harmon Adair, that the Nominating Committee be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Jean introduced the speakers for the program. DGS members Tony Hanson and Kathleen Murray reported on their learning experiences and impressions of the RootsTech conference held February 2-4, 2012 in Salt Lake City.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Davis, Secretary
Dallas Genealogical Society