

Secretary's notes - DGS General Meeting, Saturday, 3 Jan 2015

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The January 2015 General Meeting of the Dallas Genealogical Society was called to order by Vice President Jean Larson at 11am. There were 45 members and 2 visitors present.

The minutes of the November, 2014 General Meeting, as included on the DGS web site and provided to the attendees of the January meeting, were declared approved as posted by Vice President Larson.

Treasurer Linda Lane reported that all bills presented to her have been paid and the following bank account balances of the Society are:

- Operating accounts - \$68,339.30
- Savings account - 100,074.47

Jean provided the following updates:

- the Spring Lecture featuring Debbie Parker Wayne will be Saturday, March 21. Publicity material on the web site, eBlast, Facebook, press release, tri-fold mailer, etc. will be initiated the first week of January. Debbie's topic is DNA.
- the 2015 Writing Contest runs from 1 Jan 2015 through 30 Apr 2015. Details are on the DGS web site and a press release has been sent nationally.
- DGS members Sandra Crowley and Tony Hanson will present papers at the combined Rootstech/FGS conference in Salt Lake City, 11-14 Feb 2015.

Education Director Tony Hanson announced that Ari Wilkins, member of the DPL Genealogy Division library team, will present the program at our 7 Feb General Meeting: special collections of interest to family history researchers at the Central Library.

Today's meeting program was "The Portal to Texas History - Giving Context to Family History". Tim Gieringer, Director of Metadata for the Texas Digital Newspaper Program, is a staff member at the University of North Texas Libraries' Portal to Texas History. He wowed our attendees with the breadth and depth of the material on the Portal, as well as providing the group with search tips and techniques.

Jean adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.