

Respectfully submitted by Marie Navarro, Secretary

President Sandra Crowley called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved, as posted both on the Website, and at the meeting.

Attendees: 30 members, and 10 visitors

Linda Lane, Treasurer, reported that all outstanding bills had been paid, and our current balances were:

\$ 72,933.34 in Checking

\$100,099.06 in Savings

Vice President, Jean Larson, reminded the membership that the Summer Symposium will be held on August 7th and 8th, and will be on researching in Texas. There will be speakers from the four main repositories in the Dallas area. They include: The DPL Texas/Dallas History Department, which is currently being remodeled. When the remodeling is complete the records will once again be available. The other repositories are: The Portal to Texas History, Fort Worth NARA, and the General Land Office. The Fall Lecture will be held on October 24th. The speaker will be Michael Lacopo.

Jean said that nominations received for the Board of Director positions are: Brenda Cannon, Secretary; Kathleen Murray, Vice President, and Tony Hanson, President. The position of Treasurer is still open. The person will need to have experience with QuickBooks, and have a financial background. Voting will take place at the General Meeting in May. The new Board members will begin their positions in September.

Carolyn Davis said Donald Payton would be making a presentation at the library on Wednesday, April 8th at 12:15 p.m. in the East/West rooms. His presentation is called "The Mighty Millers of the Wild West" and is about the Miller family's influence on the cattle trails that came through Dallas, and the famous Wild West show performed by Will Rogers, Buffalo Bill and others.

Carolyn also talked about the DGS 2015 Writing Contest. The deadline is April 30th. The contest is opened to both members and non-members, and the winner's will be announced in July. Winning stories will be published in Pegasus. Prizes are \$500 for first place; \$300 for 2nd place, and \$150 for 3rd place.

Tony Hanson said that our website is in the process of being re-designed. Next month he will set up a shell in the break room so that members can take a look

and give feedback. The Special Interest Groups will also be giving their feedback.

Tony also said that they have been digitizing, and indexing the microfilm of the Probate records and that project is 99.9% done. The individual records are searchable and stand-alone.

Next month's speaker will be Susan P. Vega. She will be speaking on "Ancestors of Hispanic Origin, who influenced Dallas history".

He then introduced today's speaker:

Presentation by Connie Gray: "One Person, Two Birth Certificates".

Tony Hanson adjourned the meeting at 12:32 pm.