

2 May 2015 Minutes for the General Meeting **Respectfully submitted by Marie Navarro, Secretary**

Vice President Jean Larson called the meeting to order at 10:59 am.

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

Attendees: 29 members, and 28 visitors

Linda Lane, Treasurer, reported that all outstanding bills have been paid. Our account with Legacy Bank has been closed, and the funds from that account have been transferred to the Chase Savings account. Our current balances are:

\$ 49,687.76 in Checking
\$121,673.68 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. Terry Flack will be the primary speaker, and there will be speakers from the DPL Texas/Dallas History Department, The Portal to Texas History, Fort Worth NARA, and the General Land Office. She said we were in need of volunteers to help, and asked that anyone interested contact her after the meeting. The Fall Lecture will be held on October 24th. The speaker will be Michael Lacopo.

Jean determined that there was not a quorum present so voting on the slate for the Board of Directors will need to be postponed. She said the nominations were as follows: Tony Hanson, President; Kathleen Murray, Vice President; Brenda Cannon, Secretart; Susan Rainwater, Treasurer. Jean then asked if there were any additional nominations. There being none, she introduced Gayla Bush.

Gayla Bush, DPL Manager of Genealogy, and the History & Social Sciences Departments, wanted to let the DGS members know about several events that would be taking place at the library in the coming weeks.

On June 6th, from Noon to Four will be a Flagship Event called Global Family Reunion. This is an event being held in New York. The DPL is one of many repositories across the country that will be linked via video to join the event. The Globe Family Reunion will have a number of speakers, and presentations that members will be able to view at the Library. There will also be refreshments served at the event, and she asked for volunteers to contact her if they were interested in volunteering to help.

Gayla also said that due to the retirement of Patrick McKinney, there was an opening for a library associate with Genealogy expertise. If anyone is interested, or knows of anyone who is interested, please contact her.

Jean said volunteers are needed for a number of upcoming events, especially with this year being the 60th anniversary of DGS. We are also in need of a volunteer coordinator.

Tony Hanson, Director of Education said he was hoping to get more volunteers to become involved. He said that he, and Todd DeDecker have been working on a new website. He would like to have feedback from the membership, and they can see a demo after the meeting.

Tony reminded the membership that there would not be any General Meetings in the months of June, July, or August. He hoped everyone will have a great Summer, and gave us a few things to look forward to in the Fall:

September will be Debra Polsky from the Dallas Jewish Historical Society.

October's speaker will be Rusty Brenner from Texas Cemetery Restoration, who will be talking to us about tombstone etiquette.

November we will learn about Presidential Libraries from NARA's Alan Lowe.

He then introduced today's speaker:

Presentation by Susan Vega: "Ancestors of Mexican American Leaders Who Helped Shape Dallas."

Tony Hanson adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm.