February 4, 2017

DGS President, Tony Hanson, called the meeting to order at 11:00

Parking - Tony Hanson reported parking appeared to be free today.

Attendance - Gloria Goodwin: 60 members, 6 visitors

Review of the minutes from prior meeting (November 5, 2016) - The January 7 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The minutes were accepted as posted.

Bring a Guest contest - Tony Hanson reminded attendees of Bring A Guest rewards program.

Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Susan Rainwater stated that our checking balance was $31,786.73 and our savings balance was $121,188.44.

Tom Thumb/Kroger/Amazon.com Rewards Program - Tony Hanson instructed members how they can sign up for community reward programs through Kroger, Tom Thumb and Amazon Smile. This will direct funds towards DGS.

Seminar Update - Vice President Kristin Moore reported on the upcoming seminars; the Advanced Seminar with Tom Jones on March 17 is full and has a wait list. There are still openings for the 2nd day with Tom Jones on March 18. She also announced the Summer and Fall seminars coming up.

Financial Review - Tony reported that David Temple, Sammie Lee, Gloria Goodwin and Susan Rainwater met with Treasurer Susan Rainwater on Saturday, November 5, 2016 to review financial transactions and documentation. Their report was generally positive, although they did recommend improved documentation for debit card transactions. Tony stated that the recommendation had been accepted and incorporated into current practices.

Awards Lunch: Tony Hanson announced the 2016 DGS award winners:

- Suzan Younger – Award of Merit
- Kathleen Murray – Volunteer of the Year
- Shirley Sloat & Estelle Mitchell Adams – Heritage Preservation
- Curt Witcher – Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award

- He also reported we donated sent a check for $5,239.73 ($2,739.73 donations + $2,500 DGS Matching funds) to the Cathy Nelson Hartman Portal to Texas History Endowment fund.
- Equipment donation to the DPL - Laptop, Projector & related peripherals worth $1,733.47 donated to the Genealogy Section at the Awards lunch

Volunteer Spotlight

- Probate Record Indexing - Tony Hanson reported the volunteer project of the Dallas Co Probate Records indexing is now 80% complete. He gave credit to the 3 volunteers who have done so much work on this project.
- Introduction to Genealogy sessions - Tony reported we continue to get speaking requests on Intro to Genealogy. He and Kathleen Murray did one for Frito Lay in Nov; our associate Paul Beaty is
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handling one for Mercedes Benz Financial Services this month, and Cheryl Freeman and Sharon Bowles will do one for DPL in April.

- McGowan Records - He also announced the new database that was created for the indexing of the McGowan Funeral Home project is helping move that project along at a much faster pace. He gave credit to the main volunteers working on that project.

Elections/Nominating Committee - The Nominating Committee is looking for members for the new board. Susan Rainwater is stepping out of the Treasurer role and made a special request to have it filled. She and Tony Hanson are currently on the committee. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer must be elected by May. The other positions will be filled by September. We have openings for the IT Administrator, Marketing and Newsletter editor.

Tony Hanson gave the schedule for the upcoming SIGS:

- February 11 - MacGen Reunion SIG
- February 15 - Jewish SIG
- February 16 - DNA SIG
- February 18 - African American Genealogy Interest Group
- February 25 - Brown Bag Group
- March 2 - Technology SIG
- March 4 - General Meeting: Brandon Murray, Collections & Material at the Dallas Public Library History and Archives Division

He also announced the March general meeting will take place on the DPL 7th floor. We will be having the tour of the renovated area that was cancelled with the January meeting.

The speaker for today, Pat Gordon was announced. Her program was “Researching Female Ancestors.” Her syllabus was available on our website.

Submitted by Sharon Bowles, DGS Secretary 2016-2017