The general meeting of the Dallas Genealogy Society was opened by Todd DeDecker at 11:02 AM. Todd welcomes everyone and is happy to greet 7 visitors that came to the meeting.

Minutes from February 3rd are posted on the door and website are there any questions or comments? Hearing no questions or comments, minutes are approved by acclamation.

Membership, Gloria Goodwin says we have a quorum for the general meeting, today. Todd thanks her for attendance. Later in the Board meeting it is announced we have 36 members. If you have received a raffle ticket for the bring a friend campaign stop by the front desk and see Gloria to make sure you are in the drawing.

Treasurer’s report, Mr. Tynes could not be here today. Todd is reading his report. The receipts for the month of February is $2,938.00, expenses were $724.00 with a positive cash flow of $2214.00. Our grand total is $161,306.00. We have some plans that we will be laying out in future meetings. Any questions or comments; if not, the report is filed for review.

The bring a friend program; is been renewed from last year. Todd talked about the mission of the program and why we “love” genealogy.

Patti Smith gave a report about our education program and the give a genealogical children’s program to the Jack and Jill of America, Inc. This group met on the 3rd floor of the Dallas Public Library. We had 15 children and 7 parents, with 1 parent participating on Skype. Children and parents were so interested and started communicating their history that the regional would like us to give it again.

Kristin Moore gave the report for the upcoming seminars. On Saturday, March 31st Michael Strauss will be speaking on military research. The title of his program is Revolution to Reconstruction: Seeking Those Who Shaped America. We have brochures to understand details about his program and there is still time to register. The summer seminar will be Saturday, August 4th with J Mark Lowe talking about tracing your Southern Roots. And on
Saturday, September 29th will be David E. Rencher, his is head genealogist for Family Roots and he will be speaking on Irish Genealogy. Kristin does have the dates for the 2019 seminars, but the speakers are not confirmed yet. Kristin asked to consider volunteering at the seminar.

Todd talked about the need for volunteers especially in publicity and hospitality. Discussion about the calendar of events for the special interest groups. Our usually general meeting will be one week later on April 14th, the speaker will be Lynn Moss.

Patti Smith introduced today’s speaker, Mr. Jim Thornhill on Migration through the South.