Arlington Genealogical Society General Meeting  
Feb. 11, 2020; George W. Hawks Arlington Downtown Public Library  
1st Floor re[Br]ary Room

The meeting was called to order by Society President Sylvia Hoad at 6:31 pm. She led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

Officer and Committee Reports

Membership: Quenna Cox introduced three guests.

Officer Reports:

1st VP: Mark Dellenbaugh reported the March through June meeting programs are set.

2nd VP: Nancy Bergvall gave thanks to those providing refreshments tonight.

Secretary: John Anderson  
Sylvia Hoad sought discussion of last month’s posted meeting minutes. Hearing none Cherry Williams motioned to approve and Jan Penland seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer: Jan Penland reminded members they should pay their AGS dues by the March meeting. She said current year membership cards for those who’ve already paid are in their membership ID sleeve. She also provided a Treasurer’s Report with minimal activity and it will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter Editor Paul Wilkinson reported features of “Grandma Did What?” and “Grandpa Did What?” were included in February’s newsletter. He asked for newsletter features and topic suggestions. Specifically, he is looking for members to share their genealogy experiences.

Publicity Committee Chair Pete Jacobs reported

- The annual Family History Seminar & Fair will be Saturday March 21 at the LDS Church on Curt Dr in south Arlington from 9-3:30. Class registration closes soon, so those with interest should sign up soon. AGS will be supporting an information table by short shifts. See Pete for more information.
- Our browsing table is available in the rear of tonight’s meeting room. Peruse and see Societies, Organizations, Events and things of genealogy interest.
- AGS information is available on our society website and Facebook. AGS is always seeking outstanding and informative presenters. Speak up if you know someone.
- AGS monthly sends society emails to its members. Speak up if you’re not receiving them.
Collections Development Committee Chair Mary Ann Conrad is deceased. Therefore, President Sylvia Hoad reported she is assuming that role as an interim chair. She told of the many many boxes of books received from Mary Ann’s daughters and that some have recently been reviewed and donated. More will be processed as time permits.

Genealogy Resources Committee Chair Larry Howser had no report for tonight’s meeting.

Arlington Public Library Liaison & AGS 1st VP Mark Dellenbaugh reported the following workshops:
- Feb. 23 2pm is Black History Month Celebration
- Feb. 28 4pm is Final Fridays monthly “Family History Basics”. Volunteers are welcome.
- Mar. 17 6:30pm is Print your Family Tree, Poster Size or Larger!

He also told of:
- Visiting last month the Ft. Worth Genealogy Society and thanked those also attending for their support. He said his presentation was about how the Arlington Genealogy Society supports the Arlington Public Library.
- Hank Hufham’s DNA workshops were bragged on and are always well received. He thanked Hank for his efforts.

Old Business: none

New Business:
1. The Family History Seminar & Fair was discussed above by the Publicity Chair.
2. President Sylvia Hoad reported the AGS Board approved and now seeks membership approval to donate $5000 to the Arlington Heritage Memorial Corporation, ahmc.com, for the completion of tombstone cleaning and restorations. This amount will qualify AGS to be formally recognized in a permanent manner at the cemetery and website along with other large donors. A quorum was verified by the Membership Chair with 29 members attending. Cherry Williams motioned to approve the donation, and Peggy Quinn seconded. The motion passed.
3. Parliamentarian Cherry Williams served as chair of a temporary Bylaws revision committee appointed by President Sylvia Hoad. Cherry offered a small revision to allow the Publicity Chair to not be required to be the Newsletter editor. President Sylvia Hoad assisted and presented the exact minor wording revisions in both the Society Bylaws and Standing Rules. Jan Penland motioned to accept the revisions, Jeannie Schemensky seconded. The motion passed.
4. As our Collections Development Chair Mary Ann Conrad is deceased, Sylvia stated she will temporarily take over those duties. Several have suggested we should do something significant in her memory. Since APL has restrictions on what can be placed on walls etc., it is difficult to identify the proper memoriam. Web Admin John Anderson suggested he could develop some sort idea of webpage(s) in her memory and other significant member impacts on our society by the next board meeting. Others also offered some thoughts but no resolution was determined.
5. President Sylvia Hoad told the “Arlington Today” magazine last December contacted Steve Brown about their plan to run an article about our society and that Steve referred
them to her. The magazine editors did interview Sylvia Hoad and published their article in their February issue. She had a loaned copy for reviewed. Their issue is available online.

6. The Texas State Genealogy Society annual convention will be in Los Colinas Nov. 13-15. Contact Sylvia or Pete for more information.

We adjourned at 7:10 pm for Patty Huff Smith of the Dallas Genealogy Society, and several other societies to begin her presentation on Between the Lines, What Your Ancestors Didn’t Tell You. She gave her story of how she got interested and made significant strides via DNA matches and non-matches.

The next AGS General Meeting will be Mar. 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the APL [re]Brary meeting room. The public is invited.

Respectfully submitted,
John Anderson, Secretary
Arlington Genealogical Society