

WCGS NEWSLETTER

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Don't Forget

This month's meeting will be our Christmas Party. Blinn will provide beverages and members are asked to bring sweets of some kind to share. Joycine Hanath will be sharing German ornaments.

It's time to renew your WCGS membership. Dues are still \$12 for a single and \$18 for a couple. Make our treasurer's life easier. Bring your check to the December meeting or mail it to Lu Hollander at the following address:

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What You Missed

President Jan Kelm called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. She recognized several visitors: Bill and Jeanine Neinast, Joyce Hueske Lewis, Eunice Kelm, Lauren and Pat (Patricia) Joswiak and George Zemanek.

The speaker for the evening, Gary McKee, vice chair of the Fayette County Historical Society, spoke about "German Draft Resistance in the 1860s." All Europeans not born in Texas were viewed with prejudice, even with scant evidence of abolitionist leanings among Germans. The Civil War was viewed as a rich man's war, a poor man's conflict – meaning that wealth could buy someone out of serving.

Committees:

Adopt a Cemetery Eddie Harrison reported the work to obtain a clear deed to Camptown Cemetery was ongoing.

Nominating Committee The committee consisted of John Muegge along with Judge Harrison and Bill Thane. After significant work by the committee to bring new nominees to their proposed list was to no avail, three of the four

Looking Forward

The next meeting will be our Christmas party December 4 at **7:15 P.M.** in the Blinn Student Center.

Meeting Time

Our meeting time has been adjusted to 7:15 (from our previous 7 pm) to allow the class using the room ahead of us to leave and to allow time for our speakers to set up.

New Members

If you know of someone with a genealogy interest, tell them about us. They can join at any time.

Memberships

Texas State Genealogical Society

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

Dues Reminder

Please give Lu Hollander your 2018 dues or mail them to 2211 South Day St. Suite 105 Brenham, TX 77833. The cost is \$12 for a single person or \$18 for a couple living at the same address. [Click here for the 2018 form.](#)

existing officers have agreed to accept a third one-year term including Jan Kelm, Geraldine Johnson and Lu Hollander. John Muegge moved that the exception to a two-term limit described in Article VI, Section 2 be approved, Teddy Boehm seconded and the motion carried. Teddy Boehm then moved Jan Kelm for president, Beth Rothermel seconded, and the motion carried. Roy Kelm moved Geraldine Johnson for vice president, Susan Lake seconded, and the motion carried. Roy Kelm moved Vanessa Smith for secretary, Carol Muegge seconded, and the motion carried. Teddy Boehm moved Lu Hollander for treasurer, Susan Lake seconded, and the motion carried.

President Kelm requested help with programs and with organizing tidbits participants.

New Business Visitor George Zemanek requested assistance with setting up a cemetery association.

Tidbits John Muegge recounted how his grandfather, who was born in Texas, was asked to prove his U.S. citizenship when running for public office and the difficulty of tracing documentation. He suggested the Naturalization Act of 1906 enacted by local judges might not help.