

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS
ALAMO COLLECTION COMMITTEE
January 15, 2015

The January meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. in the boardroom of the downtown Broadway Bank.

Those attending were President General Ellen McCaffry, Chairman Connie Impelman, GayNell Wells, Laura Beavers, Florence Dodington, CeCe Cheever, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, and Recording Secretary Nancy Marion, Advisor Elaine Davis, and Library Director Leslie Stapleton.

Chairman Impelman offered an invocation and declared a quorum.

The minutes were approved as emailed.

Leslie offered the attached report and updates regarding various meetings and visitors to the Library.

President General McCaffry noted improved Alamo personnel morale. The committee discussed staff changes at the General Land office and its potential impact on contract negotiations with the Library.

The February "First Saturday" volunteer positions have been filled by DRT members for the Alamo Research Center.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting will be February 19, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Connie Impelman, Chair Nancy Marion, Secretary

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Leslie Stapleton, Director
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On Friday, November 5th we hosted a book talk with Nick Kotz, the author of *The Harness Maker's Dream: Nathan Kallison and the Rise of South Texas*. The title of his talk was "American Family Histories: Lost, Forgotten, Found." The topic suited our mission quite well in that he argued that family histories are an essential element for people to understand and appreciate American history.

On Saturday, December 6th we were open as an exhibit for First Saturday. Our special theme was "Everyday Lives: Family History in the Big Picture," which expanded on the theme of the book talk the day before. We hosted 638 visitors during the day. We would like to thank Florence Dodington, Deana Dack, and Kamala and Tim Lewis our volunteer docents for the day. We appreciate their time in helping us protect the collection while we showcase it for the public.

On Wednesday, December 12th we hosted eight 7th grade students from St. Anthony's School in Columbus, Texas. Each student was assigned an individual from the Texas Revolution to study. We assisted them in their research. Afterwards we showed them some of the primary source material we have related to the Texas Revolution.

On Saturday, January 3rd we were open as an exhibit for First Saturday. Our special theme was "Play Ball." With the vast majority of our visitors that day being here to attend one of the bowl games the case was filled with football related items. We hosted 1,033 visitors during the day. We would like to thank Deana Dack, and Connie and Gerry Impelman our volunteer docents for the day. We appreciate their time in helping us protect the collection while we showcase it for the public.

On Thursday, January 8th Jaime and I hosted a successful Google Hangout with 40 seventh-grade students from UT Permian Basin's STEM Academy in Odessa. The students were engaged and had excellent questions. One student even inquired about what level of education was needed to work at the Alamo. We may have been presenting to a future staff member.

On Saturday, January 10th I served as the manager on duty for the Alamo. Everything ran smoothly and the day was uneventful.