

TO: All Members of the El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society (EDHGS)

SUBJECT: APPROVED EDHGS Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, August 13, 2019

President Afton Tuveson convened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library.

After a brief welcome, Afton introduced tonight's speaker, Richard Rands, who's presentation was titled "English Civil Registration."

Richard Rands explained how to gain access to birth, death and marriage records at the Registrar's Office, which started in July 1837 (see handout on EDHGS website). He did stress that the record indexes are generated on a quarterly basis.

From 1754 to July 1837, records can be found in the Church of England for baptisms, marriages and burials. He stated census records are also available for 1841-1911 and 1939 and offered background on the 1939 census. Civil registrations are found throughout Europe and they are the equivalent of vital records in the United States. Richard went over a timeline for England to give perspective on record keeping by the churches and the monarchy throughout England's history. He also covered the numerous problems, such as indexing errors, duplicate marriage registrations created to rectify errors, illegal marriages were redone, etc. Richard closed off his presentation by going over the two-step process, sharing websites to search and answering questions posed by members and visitors.

Afton thanked Richard Rands for providing informative information once again and hopes he will return in 2020.

President Afton Tuveson called the business meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed 23 members and two guests (Rodney Bughao and Pam Gardner) were in attendance: Dr. Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, Bobbi Bennett, John C. Bronaugh, Barbara Cannaday, Robyn Click, Dennis Cox, Kenneth Dunn, Michele Durkin, Paul Ferrin, Phil Governor, Cathy Grambow, Phil Hendricks, Walt Huff, Dave Hughes, Marcia Kestner, Rosie Mackin, Ann Mitchell, Karen Parsons, Patty Perkins, Karen Rain, Ruth Self and Afton Tuveson.

Colleen Allen explained the Book Bucket before passing the bucket around the room. Colleen also shared with those present that there was a table of free used genealogy books for those interested and a small donation would be appreciated.

The Draft Meeting Minutes for the June 11, 2019, and the July 9, 2019, general meetings were approved unanimously by the members after motions were received from Phil Governor and Dennis Cox.

Phil Hendricks gave the Treasurer's Report and stated the balance on July 1, 2019 was \$8,826.97 with total receipts of \$130.92, total disbursements of \$401.89, for an ending balance of \$8,556.00 on July 31, 2019.

Colleen Allen shared with members that the Board was surveying members on their areas of interest (states, countries, DNA testing) as well as, a survey on members' interests for potential field trips in 2020.

Afton Tuveson informed members the Board has approved to increase annual dues by \$10 for some types of membership and they would be receiving a letter. She went on to explained that dues have not increased since the El Dorado Hills group began in 2006 and dues alone are not covering the society's expenses. She asked members to please come to the September meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> as a presentation would be given at that time.

Phil Hendricks confirmed the society is still recycling and reviewed what is being accepted. Questions arose due to changes shared on local news programs and in newspapers.

This month's Book Bucket winner was Ruth Self. Ruth will pick a genealogy book of her choice then Colleen Allen will purchase the book. Once received, Ruth will be able to bring the book home for the first thirty days, before the book is added to our permanent collection at the EDH Branch Library.

Afton Tuveson reminded members a new Board member is needed for 2020 because Phil Hendricks is stepping down after serving a 3-year term. She reminded everyone of the August workshop on August 27. Afton Tuveson asked members to put their recyclables in Phil Hendrick's vehicle and thanked members for contributing to EDHGS' on-going fundraiser. She also announced Dr. Janet Brigham, Richard Rands' wife, would be speaking on "Our Genealogy Legacy" on August 20, 2019, at 1 p.m. at the Roots and Gold Dust Genealogy Society's meeting.

Afton Tuveson welcomed everyone to return next month on September 10, 2019, to hear Nancy Loe, who will speak on "Discovering European Immigrant Ancestors." The meeting will start at 6:00pm.

Afton Tuveson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Marcia Kestner, EDHGS Secretary

**APPROVED by Membership on September 10, 2019**