

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

SUBJECT: APPROVED EDHGS Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Vice President Bobbi Bennett convened the meeting at 6:03 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library.

After a brief welcome by Bobbi, Marcia Kestner introduced tonight's speaker, Nancy E. Loe, who's presentation was titled "Discovering European Immigrant Ancestors."

Nancy shared that eight of her family lines immigrated to the United States through Ellis Island from eight different places in the world.

Her presentation was broken into the following five segments:

1. Leaving the Old World
2. Voyaging to the New World
3. Arriving in New York
4. Migration Records
5. Immigration Records

Nancy suggested we learn about what pushed people to leave their native country, (famine, compulsory military service persecution, etc.), what pulled people to come to the United States (join family, advertisements, jobs, etc.) and potential time period(s) when people of your family's nationality may have come to the United States (i.e. 1820-1860 high number of German and Irish). She also suggested learning about the cost to travel, the ships and the ports (both leaving from and arriving at) because this information can provide valuable clues about your ancestor. Learning where an ancestor may have entered, been processed, who was in charge (i.e. State of New York or US government), and available records for the time can also be beneficial. Nancy reminded us processing times were typically short (less than one day). She also suggested we not overlook the Detention and Deportation Review portion of a passenger list, which is usually at the end. Loved ones not granted passage would be listed in that area and returned at their own expense.

Nancy stated New York passenger lists can be found at the following ten locations: the National Archives, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, Archive.gov, EllisIsland.org, CastleGarden.org, on SteveMorse.org, WorldCat.org, to search Google for online guides for passenger lists (i.e. researchguides.net, cyndislist.com, <http://instr.iastate.libguides.com>, etc.) and ImmigrantShips.net. She reminded attendees to always check the second page on passenger lists because not all are the same.

Bobbi thanked Nancy Loe for sharing an abundance of information and hopes she will return in 2020.

Bobbi Bennett called the business meeting to order around 7:25 p.m.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed 28 members and one guest (Pam Gardner) were in attendance. The members were: Dr. Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, Bobbi Bennett, John C. Bronaugh, Robyn Click, Dennis Cox, Allan Diamond, Kenneth Dunn, Michele Durkin, Cathy Grambow, James and Colleen Harrison, Phil Hendricks, Walt Huff, Dave Hughes, Marcia Kestner, Monique Laughlin, Rosie Mackin, Larry McHenry,

Ann Mitchell, Karen Parsons, Melinda Peak, Karen Rain, Mary Ramirez, Ruth Self, Trevor Thomas, Georgia Viersen and Mike West.

Book Bucket - Karen Parsons started the Book Bucket around the room, while Bobbi explained how the Book Bucket works to those present.

Book Report - Bobbi, a past Book Bucket winner times two, gave a brief book review on the two books she was returning to the Book Bucket Committee. They were: The Family Tree Historical Map Book: A State-by-State Atlas of US History, 1790-1900 and The Barbour Collection of Connecticut - Town Vital Records.

Free Used Books - Colleen Allen informed members there was a table of free used genealogy books for those interested and a small donation to the society would be appreciated.

Prior Month's Meeting Minutes - The Draft Meeting Minutes for the August 13, 2019, general meetings were approved unanimously by the members.

Treasurer's Report - Phil Hendricks gave the Treasurer's Report and stated the balance on August 1, 2019 was \$8,556.00, total income was \$275.13, total expenses were \$177.33, with an ending balance of \$8,653.80 on August 31, 2019.

Dues Increase in 2020 - Bobbi Bennett gave a presentation on the society's finances and explained why dues alone are not covering the society's expenditures. A letter explaining the status of the society's budget was emailed to members prior to the meeting. Bobbi explained membership currently covers 53% of the society's costs and approximately 28% of dues goes to speaker fees, 24% to room rent and the balance covers insurance, website costs and books. She went on to explain that the Board anticipates speaker fees to increase and the society will have a new expenditure for storage space due to the volume of society records and property, which are currently stored at multiple Board members' homes. She went on to say the Board approved to increase membership dues for the first time in the society's history because membership dues are only covering 53% of our current annual expenses.

2020 Elections - Colleen Allen and Bobbi talked briefly about elections, which will be held at the November meeting. Bobbi asked those interested in volunteering to be on the Board to email her and Colleen by November 1 to express their interest in running and to provide the following:

- who they are,
- why they wish to be on the Board,
- their genealogy story, and,
- a short biography.

Next Month's Speaker - Marcia Kestner informed members that Glenda Gardner-Lloyd would be speaking at the October 8 meeting. Her presentation is called, "The Alphabet Soup of Probate." Marcia also reminded members that the November meeting will include our annual potluck.

September Workshop - Bobbi Bennett reminded everyone to come to the workshop on September 24.

Book Bucket Committee - Colleen Allen gave Monique Laughlin, a prior Book Bucket winner, her selected book entitled "The Family Tree DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy." Monique was excited to receive this Second Edition book so she can compare the prior edition to this new edition.

Recycle - Colleen reminded members that recycle was being collected by Phil Hendricks and informed members no changes had been made by the recycler to date even though some members' personal garbage collector recycling programs have made changes.

Book Bucket Winner - The Book Bucket winner was selected by our speaker, Nancy Loe, and the luck winner was Melinda Peak.

Bobbi Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Marcia Kestner, EDHGS Secretary

APPROVED by Membership on October 8, 2019