

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

SUBJECT: APPROVED Minutes of the EDHGS Meeting of January 8, 2019

President Afton Tuveson convened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Library.

After a brief welcome by Afton, Barbara Hannover introduced Richard Rands, our guest speaker, who presented Part II, of American Military Records.

Richard Rands stated that record keeping started because of military land warrants. He also stated men enlisted rather than being drafted in World War I and World War II because they were paid better. Records that he covered were: service records (only a son or daughter can get medical records); burial and cemetery records which may include spouse; military unit histories/fraternal organizations, their websites and annual reunions; veteran and lineage records (Grand Army of Civil War, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution); and US Federal Census 1900 and 1920.

Richard suggested websites, such as: Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, militaryindexes.com, FamilySearch.org, Cyndislist.com, and the National Archives. He suggested digging down as fast as possible in websites because the websites limit your access to records. He also suggested knowing the difference between digitized records and indexed records and how to look for both.

Afton thanked Richard Rands for another informative presentation and hopes he will return in the future.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed twenty-three (23) members in attendance: Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, Bobbi Bennett, John Bronaugh, Barbara Cannaday, Phil Governor, Phillip Gray, Barbara Hannover, Barbara and Roy Hecteman, Phil Hendricks, Walt Huff, Marcia Kestner, Monique Laughlin, Marilyn McCarthy, Karen Parsons, Karen Rain, Ruth Self, Leona Sunseri, Trevor Thomas, Afton Tuveson, Georgia Viersen, and Mike West.

There were seven (8) guests: Patty Perkins, Rosie Mackin, Ann and Mitch Mitchell, Mark Howell, Corinne Brackenburg, Marcia (?), and Paul Bird.

The Draft Minutes of the EDHGS Meeting of November 13, 2018, were approved unanimously by the members present.

Afton asked each visitor to introduce themselves and apologized for not having the time when they arrived to greet them in our usual manner.

Phil Hendricks gave the Treasurer's report. The balance on November 1, 2018, was \$7,558.47. In November, receipts totaled \$524.24, Disbursements totaled \$264.37, which left an ending balance of \$7,818.34 on November 30, 2018. In December 1, 2018, the beginning balance was \$7,818.34, income and expenses totaled \$541.75, which left an ending balance of \$8360.09 on December 31, 2018.

Afton asked if all current members had received a ballot and if voting was completed. Several ballots were added to the ballot box and Barbara Cannaday tallied the votes. Afton asked Marcia Kestner for the final vote, which was 22 "For" Bobbi Bennett and zero "Against." Afton welcomed Bobbi Bennett to the board. Colleen presented a framed Certificate of Appreciation to Barbara Hannover, whose term ended.

The Book Bucket was not passed. The Book Committee presented Dr. Gwynn Akin with a book she previously selected as the winner of a prior Book Bucket drawing. She will keep the book for 30 days then return it at next month's meeting for placement in the library's genealogy section.

Trevor Thomas shared information about how the society will be celebrating National Genealogy Day, on March 9, 2019, by hosting a special event at the El Dorado Hills Library. EDHGS members will be at the EDH Branch Library from 1-5 pm to provide beginner genealogy assistance. Members will aid the public by utilizing personal laptops and library PCs, as well as, teach the basics, and provide tours of the genealogy book section. Trevor Thomas and Colleen Allen are co-chairing the event. Volunteers signed up to help. The event will be publicized with flyers and in newspapers.

Tickets were drawn for the three membership giveaways. Georgia Viersen won the "Early Bird" drawing, which was a multi-hour consultation with Richard Rands. Monique Laughlin won the magazine subscription and Mike West won the DNA kit.

Afton reminded members of the January 22, 2019, workshop and stated the guest speaker for the February 12, 2019, meeting will be Katherine Weedman-Cox from Cox Black and White Lab, Inc.

The President thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Marcia Kestner, Secretary  
El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society

**APPROVED by Membership on February 12, 2019**