

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

SUBJECT: APPROVED Minutes of the EDHGS Meeting of February 12, 2019

President Afton Tuveson convened the meeting at 6:08 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Library.

After a brief welcome by Afton, she introduced our guest speaker, Katherine Weedman-Cox of Cox Black and White Lab, Inc., who presented information on photo and artifact preservation.

Katherine Weedman-Cox provided her personal history with family photos, movies and slides, which has included 29 years at Cox Black and White Lab, Inc. with her husband. She spoke briefly about several high-profile projects they have had the pleasure of working on and confidently stated we too can preserve our photos and family keepsakes.

Katherine suggested we take classes, read manuals and watch YouTube videos to expand our knowledge. She covered the various types of photographs, problems we may encounter and time periods each type are from, which will help us with dating old photos. She suggested we also pay close attention to clothing, hairstyles, architecture, cars and locations in old photos. She provided numerous tips related to photos, CDs, DVDs, scanning to create digital files and shared how best to store our photos and artifacts.

Katherine offered the following tips:

- Get started now with preserving important photos and items
- Handle with clean cotton gloves
- Do not store in the garage, attic or basement, as well as in cedar chests,
- Store offsite from your home
- If treasured, digitize and store in a bank vault on gold CDs
- Use archival quality acid free boxes, paper, and containers for heirloom
- Pay attention to lighting, temperature, and humidity

Katherine finished her presentation by sharing a few local sources and a website, called DeadFred.com, where you can submit and/or view photos of unknown individuals. She stated we should scan photos at a resolution of 600 and save photos as a TIFF.

Afton thanked Catherine Weedman-Cox for speaking then shared a short story about her father who was a photographer for William Randolph Hearst.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed nineteen (19) members in attendance: Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, Bobbi Bennett, John Bronaugh, Barbara Cannaday, Phil Governor, Walt Huff, Pat Keegan Marcia Kestner, Marilyn McCarthy, Carol McGraw, Lynn Musial, Karen Rain, Kim Russell, Ruth Self, Trevor Thomas, Afton Tuveson, Georgia Viersen, and Mike West.

There were twelve (12) guests: Larry McHenry, Mary Ramirez, Patti Swanson, Ed and Colleen Romig, Dolores Sherry, Ken Freese, Paulette Lewis, Teresa Schmidt, Ann Mitchell, Teresa Schmidt, and Jan Tylor.

Barbara Cannady introduced two (2) new members Ann Mitchell and Mary Ramirez and the ten (10) visitors.

The Book Bucket was passed around the room while Afton explained the process to our visitors. Dr. Gwynn Akin's name was previously picked and she returned the book she selected, called "Publish Memories." The book was so good, Dr. Akin bought herself a copy.

A motion was made by Mike West and Ruth Self to approve the Draft Minutes of the EDHGS Meeting of January 8, 2019, and they were approved unanimously by the members present.

Treasurer Phil Hendricks was not in attendance, so Colleen Allen gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance on January 1, 2019, was \$8,360.00. In January, receipts totaled \$469.95, Disbursements totaled \$723.95, which left an ending balance of \$7,818.34 on January 31, 2019.

Marcia Kestner, Secretary, announced the passwords for the Society's website and free access to AmericanAncestors.org would be changing in March but an email will be sent to members, so they are aware when the actual changes has been completed.

Trevor Thomas and Colleen Allen, co-chairpersons of the Society's National Genealogy Day event, gave an update. 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. The event will be publicized with flyers and in local newspapers.

Colleen Allen collected recycle (glass and cans) in Phil Hendricks absence.

Afton reminded members of the February 26 workshop and the March 12 meeting where Jeane Berry will speak on Autosomal DNA.

Colleen Allen asked Katherine Weedman-Cox to select the Book Bucket winner, which was Dr. Gwynn Akin.

Barbara Cannady spoke about Clarksville Day, which will be held on Saturday, May 4, and celebrate the township that became El Dorado Hills. EDHGS will have a booth. Set-up will begin at 8:30 a.m., the event kicks off at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be available soon as volunteers are needed.

Afton thanked everyone for coming and welcomed everyone back for next month's meeting on March 12 when Jeane Berry will speak to us on "Autosomal DNA."

Afton adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Marcia Kestner, EDHGS Secretary  
**APPROVED by Membership March 12, 2019**