

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

SUBJECT: APPROVED Minutes of the EDHGS Meeting of April 9, 2019

President Afton Tuveson convened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Library.

After a brief welcome by President Afton Tuveson, Barbara Hannover introduced our guest speaker, Barbara Leak, who presented information on homesteads and other Federal land records.

Barbara Leak shared a story about a fourteen-year old boy who obtained land and how he progressed and prospered by homesteading 160 acres of public land (per land entry case file). She shared information about the states that are within public domain and those that are not included. Barbara explained how to read land descriptions, talked about the rectangular survey system, suggested websites to visit, provided relative terms (Survey Plats, Tract Books, Land Patents, Land Entry Case Files, Land Grants, the Federal Homestead Act, and discussed the many different Land Grants. Websites suggested are: Bureau of Land Management's General Land Office Records (<https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov>), the National Archives, Ancestry, and FamilySearch.

Afton thanked Barbara Leak for speaking then began the EDHGS business meeting at 7:31 PM.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed there were six guests, of which, Robyn Click became a new member. Also, in attendance were eighteen of the society's seventy members in attendance: John Bronaugh, Kenneth Dunn, Barbara Hannover, Colleen and James Harrison, Phil Hendricks, Walt Huff, David Hughes, Marcia Kestner, Monique Laughlin, Rosie Mackin, Larry McHenry, Ann Mitchell, Patty Perkins, Ruth Self, Trevor Thomas, Afton Tuveson, Georgia Viersen.

The Book Bucket was passed around the room while Afton explained the process to our visitors. At the end of the meeting a name was drawn, and the winner was Robyn Click, Congratulations! Colleen Allen, of the Book Committee, will order the book Robyn selects. Once received, Robyn will have 30-days to review then the selected book will be submitted to the EDH Branch Library and added to the section of genealogy books and periodicals.

A motion was made by Georgia Viersen to approve the Draft Minutes of the EDHGS Meeting of March 12, 2019, Walt Huff seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously by the members present.

Treasurer Phil Hendricks gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance on March 1, 2019, was \$8,251.39. In March, receipts totaled \$227.14, Disbursements totaled \$50, which left an ending balance of \$8,428.53 on March 31, 2019.

Afton reminded attendees Clarksville Day 2019 will be held on Saturday, May 4, at Clarksville (corners of White Rock Road and Old White Rock Road). The event runs from 10 AM to 3 PM and is for all ages. EDHGS will have an information table and assist

visitors with genealogy related questions and perform research. Afton thanked those that have volunteered to man our booth either all-day, the AM shift or during the PM shift. She hoped everyone would come out to this wonderful and informative local event.

Ruth Self, from the Book Committee, informed members that the society's List of Books would be uploaded to the EDHGS website and searchable by either "title" or "subject" and copies of the list will be available on the shelf in the genealogy section of the EDH Library.

Phil Hendricks announced he would be collecting recycle (glass and cans) after the meeting. **NOTE:** Colleen Allen and Phil Hendricks are now co-chairing the society's fundraising efforts via recycling.

Afton reminded members of the April 23 workshop and stated One-on-One help is working out well for members.

Afton thanked everyone for coming and welcomed everyone back for next month's meeting on May 14 when Marian Kile will speak to us on "Family Stories from Research."

Walt Huff motioned for the meeting to end, Monique Laughlin seconded, and the meeting ended at 7:47 PM when Afton Tuveson adjourned the meeting.

Marcia Kestner, Secretary  
El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society

**APPROVED by Membership on 5.14.2019**