

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

SUBJECT: APPROVED EDHGS Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, May 14, 2019

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

After a brief welcome, Afton introduced guest speaker, Marian Kile. Marian's presentation was titled "Creating Stories Out of Research."

Marian suggested focusing on one person at a time. The process she uses starts with gathering all data and information you have on the individual so you can create a basic Timeline. Once your timeline is built, she recommends picking an event, a location or an occupation to research. She suggests starting your research by "Googling" what you are looking for and more before moving to the usual websites (Ancestry, FamilySearch, Heritage Quest, Cindi's List, Wikipedia, etc.) and special websites (Google Books, Project Gutenberg, Chronicling America, etc.), as well as, libraries, and local societies (historical and genealogical). Marian suggests using a "Research Log" and reminded us to be respectful of copyright.

Marian suggests opening a new document to write your story and using copy/paste to leave your original data and information intact. Using a timeline and what you have gathered will enable you to compile your story. She stated additional research may be required or desired and some research materials we find may not be useful or necessary.

Marian shared a story she wrote about a honeymoon in Cuba. To enhance her story, she researched modes of travel and their cost. She discovered the Overseas Railroad (a railroad that hopped island to island and ended in Key West over 100 years ago). She was able to surmise her family road this train down the East Coast to Key West then took a boat to Cuba because flying was cost prohibitive for the time period and their occupation. She added photos and images to enhance her story for the younger generations in her family.

Barbara Fary, a member of EDHGS, previously attended one of Marian's story writing classes and brought one of her finished books to show Marian. Barbara graciously shared her book about her family's ranch in Lone, California, with all. Barbara is currently working on her third book and shared that she published her 96 page book using Lulu.com for about \$34 (includes color and black/white) **NOTE:** In 2020, Marian Kile will be teaching a 10-week writing course at the Sacramento Family Search Library located at 2745 Eastern Avenue (near Marconi). Their website is www.sacfamilysearchlibrary.org.

Afton thanked Marian Kile for the wonderful information she provided and the stories she shared. She also thanked Barbara for sharing her beautiful book.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed 10 guests and 24 members in attendance: Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, Bobbi Bennett, John Bronaugh, Barbara Cannaday, Robyn Click, Kay Dalton, Kenneth Dunn, Barbara Fary, James and Colleen Harrison, Phil Hendricks, Walt Huff, David Hughes, Marica Kestner, Monique Laughlin, Karen Parsons, Mary and David Ramirez, Ruth Self, Trevor Thomas, Afton Tuveson, Georgia Viersen, and Mike West.

Afton Tuveson welcomed our visitors and Trevor Thomas read their names. Trevor added that Judi Reynolds and Cathy Grambow and her husband also became new members.

Colleen Allen started the Book Bucket around the room, explained to guests and members the purpose of the Book Bucket and how it works. Colleen also gave selected books to two prior winners: Robyn Click (Welsh Family History) and Gwynn Akin (Family Tree's Irish Genealogy Guide).

The Draft EDHGS Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2019, were approved unanimously by the members present.

Afton Tuveson provided additional information about the 2020 open Board position and shared recent Board changes with those in attendance, which are:

- Voting for new Board members will move from the January meeting to the prior November.
- Membership renewal for the coming calendar year will start in October with final payment due by December 1.

Treasurer Phil Hendrick's reported that the balance on April 1, 2019, was \$8,428.53, with total receipts of \$248.66, total disbursements of \$212.26, for an ending balance of \$8,464.93 on April 30, 2019.

Barbara Cannaday gave an overview of how well Clarksville Day went and read a thank you note from Betty June, the coordinator of Clarksville Day.

Colleen Allen informed members that a binder has been added to the genealogy section of the library with book lists by title and author.

Afton reminded members of the May 28, 2019, workshop and suggested everyone watch the informative Granite Mountain Vault videos on YouTube.

Colleen then asked Afton to draw the winning name for this month's "Book Bucket". Bobbi Bennett's name was drawn. Bobbi will now get to pick a genealogical book of her choice (\$40 limit) and be able to bring it home for the first thirty days, and then it will be added to our permanent collection at the EDH Branch Library.

Bobbi Bennett congratulated David Hughes on completing Boston University's 15-week genealogy certificate program.

Afton asked members to put their recyclables in Phil Hendricks vehicle.

The President adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Marcia Kestner, EDHGS Secretary

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