

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

SUBJECT: APPROVED EDHGS Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Vice President Bobbi Bennett convened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library.

After a brief welcome by President Afton Tuveson, she introduced the guest speaker, Glenda Lloyd, who's presentation was titled "The Alphabet Soup of Probate."

Glenda's presentation and handout provided useful information about probate, terms used with probate and expanded on many aspects of probate. Glenda believes the most important documents in genealogy are vital records (or their substitutes) then census records (state and federal) followed by the probate package. She suggested family historians research and understand the probate process and all its parts. She stated a person must always ask for all probate documents, not just the will. She could not stress this statement enough during the evening. She went on to say that most often probate records are found in the "Orphans Court," which is not related to children without parents. She also recommended learning about and understanding the laws regarding probate for the time period in which a loved one dies. She stated a person can usually find settlement and/or administrative notices in the same newspaper as the obituary. The inventory list can provide good clues about the person, their lifestyle, education, occupation, etc. She talked about the "crying sale," suggested we understand that relationships were different in different time periods. Guardian records can be found in court records but records pertaining to orphans (children without parents) cannot be found in court records. She suggests using books such as: "The Red Book," which is on Ancestry.com and the "Handy Book" and "A to Zax Dictionary" which can be found in the El Dorado Hills Library.

Afton thanked Glenda Lloyd for sharing her expertise and informative handout and hopes she will return in 2020.

Afton called the business meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed 28 members and no guests in attendance. The members were: Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, John C. Bronaugh, Dennis Cox, Allan Diamond, Kenneth Dunn, Michele Durkin, Phil Governor, Cathy Grambow, James and Colleen Harrison, Phil Hendricks, Walt Huff, Dave Hughes, Marcia Kestner, Monique Laughlin, Nancy Lester, Rosie Mackin, Larry McHenry, Karen Parsons, Melinda Peak, Patty Perkins, David and Mary Ramirez, Ruth Self, Afton Tuveson, Georgia Viersen and Mike West.

Book Bucket – Colleen Allen started the Book Bucket around the room and explained how the Book Bucket works to those present. She gave two prior winners their book selections. No book committee report was given.

November 12<sup>th</sup> Potluck and Presentation Sign-up Sheets – Colleen reminded attendees about the society's annual potluck and member share and asked those in attendance to please sign-up for both before they went home. Afton informed members that the number of servings for the potluck should be 6-8 servings.

Prior Month's Meeting Minutes - The Draft Meeting Minutes for the September 10, 2019, general meeting was approved unanimously by the members.

Treasurer's Report - Phil Hendricks gave the Treasurer's Report and stated the balance on September 1, 2019 was \$8,653.80, total income was \$340.48, total expenses were \$292.71, with an ending balance of \$8,701.57 on September 30, 2019. Phil informed members he would no longer be reporting the amount of reserves, which is part of the checking balance, in the future. He shared recycle is up and thanked all who help with this cause. He reminded all present what can and cannot be recycled, which includes no wine and no liquor bottles.

Book Bucket Winner - The Book Bucket winner was selected by our speaker, Glenda Lloyd, and the luck winner was Larry McHenry.

Afton reminded all that Board elections will be held at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and there will be no speaker.

Proposed Cemetery Tax – Afton asked Melinda Peak, who is on the El Dorado County Cemetery Committee, to share what she knows about the proposed tax. Melinda stated there is over 200 cemeteries and gravesites in the county, which are old, and funding does not cover perpetual care and maintenance. The proposed tax will be on the ballot and amounts to \$9 per parcel per year for 10 years then will sunset.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Marcia Kestner, EDHGS Secretary

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