

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

SUBJECT: Approved EDHGS Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, February 11, 2020

President Afton Tuveson convened the meeting at 6:01 PM in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library.

After a brief welcome, Afton introduced guest speaker, Richard Rands, who's presentation was titled "Researching Irish Ancestors."

Richard Rands shared suggests learning about civil and ecclesiastical history, understanding what records were destroyed in the 1922 fire/explosion at the four courts and not being discouraged because Ireland is working to reconstructed records that they can. He shared that one must know an ancestor's townland so to thoroughly research records in the United States to find townland. He stated that a townland is the equivalent of a parish in England and Scotland. He also shared that most records indexed are at the townland level and there are thousands of townlands. He suggested researching the FamilySearch.org Wiki's 2,627 items under "Irish genealogical research," Ireland's digitized and indexed collections in the FamilySearch.org Catalog, and Ireland on Ancestry.com Card Catalog.

Afton thanked Richard Rands for sharing his knowledge of researching Irish ancestors and for once again speaking to the society.

Afton began the business portion of the evening at 7:27 p.m. with the Book Bucket. Colleen Allen passed the Book Bucket to those in attendance and explain how the Book Bucket works and the avenues EDHGS uses to add books to the El Dorado Hills Public Library's genealogical reference section. Colleen Harrison gave a brief report on the book she selected as a Book Bucket winner.

The EDHGS sign-in sheets showed 32 members and four visitors in attendance. Karen Parsons introduced and thanked the guests for attending. Sue Mackin, a visitor, joined the society.

The January 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously by the members after motions were received by Mike West and Karen Rain.

Mary Ramirez, incoming Treasurer, gave the January 2020 Treasurer's Report. Mary stated reserves (savings) were \$5,601.15 on January 1, 2020, with \$0.13 earned in interest and the ending balance was \$5,601.28. The beginning checking account balance on January 1, 2020 was \$3,692.35, total income was \$300.50, total expenses were \$344.81, and the ending checking account balance was \$3,647.91 on January 31, 2020.

Afton reminded members that EDHGS' Genealogy Day would be from 1 PM-5 PM on March 21, 2020, in the EDH Public Library's Community Room. Colleen Allen stated members filled all volunteer slots and we will be providing one-on-one computer assistance, answering questions in the Genealogy Book Section and have an information table. Afton shared that she is looking for a publicity "hook" – interest story - and asked members to email her with their ideas.

Afton stated that the Book Committee needs a volunteer to replace Colleen Allen. Duties may include reviewing book donations, buying new books for the library, and purchasing book bucket winner selections. informed members will no longer be performing recycling duties and a new volunteer is need. Colleen Allen was processing the night's recycling; however, a new volunteer is still needed.

Ruth Self was the winner of the Book Bucket drawing. She will select a book for the library. Upon receipt, Ruth will have 30 days to review before it is donated to the genealogy section of the EDH Public Library.

Afton reminded attendees the EDHGS workshop is on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, and one-on-one assistance will be provided to those requesting in advance. The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2020, and the guest speaker will be Stephanie West, and she will present "Engaging the Next Generation."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Marcia Kestner, EDHGS Secretary

APPROVED at March 14, 2020 general meeting.