

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society Meeting of August 16, 2017.

President Monique Laughlin convened the meeting at 6:17 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library.

After a brief welcome, Monique introduced tonight's speaker, Thomas MacEntee who presented a live webinar from Chicago, IL.

Thomas spoke on "Successful Cluster and Collateral Searches". He explained the difference between the two; collateral refers to lines connected to your direct line ancestors, cluster refers to friends, neighbors and associates. He shared lots of websites and resources. He stressed the importance of using a research log and formulating theories. It was a great talk and was well received by the members present.

Monique thanked Thomas for all of the wonderful information that he shared.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed 16 members in attendance: Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, John C. Bronaugh, Barbara Cannaday, Phil Governor, Catherine Graham, Philip Hendricks, Walt Huff, Pat Keegan, Marcia Kestner, Monique Laughlin, Carol McGraw, Karen Parsons, Leona Sunseri, Trevor Thomas and Mike West.

There were no guests.

The Draft Minutes of the EDHGS Members' Regular Meeting of July 19th were approved unanimously by the members present.

Phil reported that the balance on July 1, 2017 was \$7,583.03 with total receipts of \$190.52, total disbursements of \$235.57, for an ending balance of \$7,537.98 on July 31, 2017.

Leona Sunseri spoke briefly about the recycling program.

Monique announced the Nevada County Genealogical Society's 24th Annual Genealogy Seminar "Digging for your Roots" on Saturday, August 19th at the Calvary Bible Church in Grass Valley.

Monique also shared that an EDHGS Members Survey had recently been mailed to all members. Several had already been turned back in. We would like them completed and returned by September 6th.

Monique announced that starting in January of 2018, our meeting dates will change. Our monthly meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 till

8:00 p.m., and our workshop will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:00 till 8:00 p.m. The reason for the change is that the library is open until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday's. This will allow members time to visit the genealogy section of the library before each meeting. Other benefits of the change will be that members and visitors can enter through the main door and that a board member will not be required to come at 5:00 in order to hold the room.

Monique shared that on September 1, 2017, FamilySearch will discontinue its microfilm distribution services. The last day to order microfilm will be on August 31, 2017. The change is the result of significant progress in FamilySearch's microfilm digitization efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology.

Gwynn Akin shared the five books that she had received through the book bucket program. She returned them to Monique and they will be processed through the library and added to our genealogy section.

Monique shared that Family Tree Webinars is having a half-off sale for a one year subscription to access their online webinars (over 500). The sale price is \$24.99. Information can be found at www.familytreewebinars.com. Also, My Heritage is offering free searching on their site through August 20th.

Pat Keegan asked if Family Tree Maker can sync with Ancestry.com? The consensus was that there can be problems with this process. Monique added that Roots Magic can sync with Ancestry.com.

Monique then asked Trevor Thomas to draw the winning name for this month's "Book Bucket". He drew Marcia Kestner's name. Marcia will now get to pick a genealogical book of her choice. Once it is received she will be able to bring it home for the first thirty days, then it will be added to our permanent collection at the EDH Branch Library.

Leona Sunseri shared that she had attended her granddaughter's wedding in Idaho and had a wonderful time. She just recently met this granddaughter through her genealogy research.

Mike West shared that he had recently been to Denver to celebrate his mother's 103rd birthday.

Marcia Kestner shared that she is waiting for her DNA results but that her sister had received hers and had found out that they have some Irish heritage.

Trevor Thomas asked if 23 And Me DNA tests could be attached to an Ancestry.com family tree. Monique answered that no they couldn't, but it could be uploaded to Family Tree DNA. Ancestry.com DNA can be added to Family Tree DNA as well. Currently Ancestry DNA can be uploaded to My Heritage too. Ancestry.com only accepts their

own DNA tests. Phil Hendricks shared his experience with Family Tree Maker. Monique shared that videos featuring how to's on Family Tree Maker can be found on You Tube.

Trevor also asked if anyone in attendance had a subscription to Newspapers.com, and if so, could they do a search for him? Colleen Allen volunteered to help.

Barbary Cannaday shared that she had asked Serrano Security to be on hand when our meetings adjourn for the sake of extra security for our members.

Catherine Graham welcomed everyone to return next month on September 20, 2017 to hear Denise Dam speak on Fold 3 and veteran research. She added that Denise has been given veteran information for four members and she will incorporate some or all of those into her talk.

The President adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Colleen Allen, EDHGS Secretary