

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society Meeting of February 15, 2017.

President Phil Gray called to order the reconvened, adjourned Annual Meeting at 6:16 p.m. Since a quorum was not achieved at the January Annual Meeting, that meeting was reconvened tonight. Members were asked to vote for two candidates, Catherine Graham and Phil Hendricks who were running for two board positions. Phil explained that the bylaws had since been amended to change the quorum to 15 members. Phil thanked Dr. Gwynn Akin for her assistance in amending the bylaws. The annual meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

President Phil Gray convened the Regular Meeting at 6:20 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library.

The speaker for the evening, Jim Rader, was introduced. Jim's topic was "Ancestry DNA". He spoke in detail about the latest advances in DNA testing. He advised moving your DNA to a third party website for more complete analysis. His topic was well received and a lengthy question and answer period followed. Phil thanked Jim for his informative talk.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed 26 members in attendance: Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, Megan Bond, John C. Bronaugh, Janet Brown, Judy Bujold, Connie Frost, Gary Frost, Phil Governor, Phillip Gray, Phil Hendricks, Walt Huff, Pat Keegan, Astarra Laughlin, Monique Laughlin, Carol McGraw, Karen Parsons, Melinda Peak, Karen Rain, Marie Reale, Linda Risdon, Ruth Self, Edward Stearns, Leona Sunseri, Afton Tuveson and Georgia Viersen.

There were six guests: Bobbi Bennett, Jocelyn Brown, Shirley Hannover, Christina Knowles, Barbara Martin and Mike West. Shirley, Barbara and Mike all became members. Karen Parsons welcomed the visitors.

Phil Gray asked if there were any questions regarding the Draft Minutes of the EDHGS Regular and Annual Meetings of January 18, 2017 that were previously sent to the membership. There were none. Phil Governor motioned for the minutes to be approved and Monique Laughlin offered a second motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the members present.

Colleen Allen spoke briefly about the upcoming bus trip to the Sutro Library. This trip will take place on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. Anyone interested in attending will meet at the library and carpool to the bus pick up. Colleen will send all the details to the membership in an email.

Phil Gray shared a recent Book Bucket selection for Catherine Graham. Catherine was not present to receive the book, but her choice was "Planters of the Commonwealth." She will be given the book at the next meeting.

Afton Tuveson was presented with the Ancestry DNA kit that she won in the January drawing. She then gifted the kit to Leona Sunseri.

Phil Gray gave a short update on the Folsom Prison Cemetery project. All rows have been put up on Find A Grave and Jim Brown at the Prison Museum has been notified of this. He will now refer any questions or requests that he receives to that web site. Phil explained what still needs to be done regarding the headstones and wooden posts that were found along the side of the cemetery. Our group will photograph them and try to figure out if they are duplicates or belong to other prisoners who were not on the plot map.

Colleen gave the January Treasure's Report stating that the balance on January 1, 2017 was \$7,398.64 with total receipts of \$450.46, total disbursements of \$514.95 for an ending balance of \$7,334.15 on January 31, 2017. She mentioned that \$36.29 was taken in for the January recycling. She spoke briefly about the Amazon Smile program. \$13.87 was received from Amazon in February which is the first payment received from that program. Funds will be accumulated and electronically deposited on a quarterly basis from anyone who places an order on Amazon Smile and chooses our society as the recipient.

Member Georgia Viersen spoke briefly about her trip to the Roots Tech Conference in Salt Lake City. She thought the conference was very informative and strongly recommended that others attend in the future. Monique Laughlin added that sessions from Roots Tech are now available to watch online. Also, videos from the 2016 Roots Tech Conference are online at [Rootstech.org](http://Rootstech.org).

Phil Gray asked our speaker to draw the winning name from the Book Bucket. Phil Governor's name was drawn. Phil will now get to select a genealogical book of his choice and will be able to bring it home for the first thirty days. After that it will be added to our permanent collection at the EDH Branch Library.

Karen Parsons announced that a quorum had been reached and that the election results were official. Both Catherine Graham and Phil Hendricks were elected to the Board. Phil Gray and Leona Sunseri have completed their terms.

Phil Gray announced next month's speaker, Lisa Louise Cooke who will speak on "Google Earth for Genealogy" via live webinar. Monique Laughlin added that Lisa is the host of the Family Tree Magazine podcast and another podcast that can be found at [GenealogyGems.com](http://GenealogyGems.com).

Leona Sunseri gave a brief talk about recyclables. She will continue to head up this program moving forward.

Monique Laughlin mentioned the two EDHGS Facebook pages. One is private for members only and one is public.

With no other old or new business to discuss, Phil Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Colleen Allen, EDHGS Secretary