

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society
Meeting of October 18, 2017.

Vice President Catherine Graham convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library. We had some difficulty in getting the speaker's laptop set up, so the meeting started a little later than usual.

After a brief welcome, Catherine introduced tonight's speaker, James Baker.

James' talk was titled "Smashing Brick Walls with Autosomal Results". He spoke about the Ancestry.com DNA scores and how they rate the confidence of a match. He also talked about using the "select surname" feature to narrow down which DNA matches to look at for a particular person. He shared how to use search match, posted trees and shared matches to further your use of the DNA features on Ancestry.com. This information is to be used in conjunction with the usual research methods to enhance your genealogy research.

Catherine thanked James for all of the wonderful information that he shared.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed twenty members in attendance: Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, Louette Bond, Megan Bond, John C. Bronaugh, Janet Brown, Barbara Fary, Connie Frost, Gary Frost, Catherine Graham, Barbara Hannover, Walt Huff, Karen Parsons, Marie Reale, Diane Rosales, Ruth Self, Edward Stearns, Leona Sunseri, Afton Tuveson, and Mike West.

There were no guests.

The Draft Minutes of the EDHGS Members' Regular Meetings of September 20th were approved unanimously by the members present.

Colleen Allen reported that the balance on September 1, 2017 was \$7,265.40 with total receipts of \$141.01, total disbursements of \$180.67, for an ending balance of \$7,225.74 on September 30, 2017.

Leona Sunseri spoke about the recycling program. She will accept aluminum cans, glass beer bottles, plastic water bottles as well as large soda and juice bottles. She cannot accept wine bottles.

Colleen announced that the November meeting will be a members sharing meeting with the topic of "share your biggest find of the year". The meeting will be held on November 15th and will be a pot luck dinner. This will be our last meeting of the year.

Catherine then asked the speaker to draw the winning name for this month's "Book Bucket". The speaker drew Mike West's name. Mike will now get to pick a genealogical book of his choice and will be able to bring it home for thirty days. Afterwards it will be added to our permanent collection at the EDH Branch Library.

Speaker handouts were not provided at the meeting, but Colleen agreed to get them and send them to the membership via e-mail.

Catherine invited everyone to return on November 15th and then adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Colleen Allen, EDHGS Secretary