

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society Meeting of September 20, 2017.

President Monique Laughlin convened the meeting at 6:16 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library.

After a brief welcome, Monique introduced tonight's speaker, Denise Damm.

Denise spoke on military research using Fold3. Four members had previously submitted a veteran relative which Denise researched. The four case studies were shared in her talk. The members were; Walt Huff, Gwyn Akins, Colleen Allen and Barbara Cannaday.

Monique thanked Denise for all of the wonderful information that she shared.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed 20 members in attendance: Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, John C. Bronaugh, Janet Brown, Barbara Cannaday, Barbara Fary, Michele Forrest, Phil Governor, Catherine Graham, Phillip Gray, Barbara Hecteman, Roy Hecteman, Philip Hendricks, Walt Huff, Pat Keegan, Monique Laughlin, Karen Parsons, Karen Rain, Ruth Self and Mike West.

There were 5 guests: Aiyana Collins, Cindy Gilmer and Stephanie Ratzburg plus Betty January and Diane Baczewski from the Clarksville Regional Historical Society

The Draft Minutes of the EDHGS Members' Regular Meeting of August 16th were approved unanimously by the members present.

Phil Hendricks reported that the balance on August 1, 2017 was \$7,537.98 with total receipts of \$121.05, total disbursements of \$393.63, for an ending balance of \$7,265.40 on August 31, 2017.

Colleen Allen announced that she would collect any recyclables in Leona's absence.

Monique announced that about 30 member surveys have been returned to her and that next month she will announce the results.

Monique stated that all books that have previously been submitted to the Library have been processed. She also explained the new Member Library program where a master list will be made of our members private books. If another member is interested in the book, the owner will look up the pertinent information. This is completely voluntary.

Monique announced that October is Family History Month and she shared the following events: Saturday September 30th "Tracing Your Family Tree and How to Begin" will

take place in Loomis. The Archive Crawl will take place on October 7th. The Mosaic Cemetery tour will take place in Elk Grove on September 28th. The TV show "Finding Your Roots" will begin a new season on PBS on October 3rd. Registration is open for the Roots Tech Conference in Salt Lake City. Gold Rush Live will take place at Marshall Gold Discovery Park on October 12th through 15th.

Monique announced that starting in January; our meeting dates will change to the second Tuesday of each month for the regular meeting and the fourth Tuesday of each month for the Workshop. Both meetings will start at 6:00 and end at 8:00 p.m. Two members shared that this date change will not work well for them. The board shared the reasons for the change. The main reason is that the Library is open until 7:00 on Tuesday's which will allow members to visit the genealogy section of the Library before each meeting. Two other benefits will be that a volunteer doesn't need to arrive at 4:45 to hold the room and that all members and visitors will be able to enter through the main entrance. Colleen asked for a show of hands for any other member who would be adversely affected by the change. One of the visitors raised her hand. The board said that they would revisit the subject at their upcoming board meeting.

Monique then asked Phil Gray to draw the winning name for this month's "Book Bucket". He drew Phil Governor's name. Phil will now get to pick a genealogical book of his choice. Once it is received he 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.

Ruth Self shared an article she had read in the Sacramento Bee about a woman who had done a DNA test which revealed that the man she thought was her father was not her biological father.

Monique welcomed everyone to return next month on October 18, 2017 to hear James Baker speak on "Smashing Brick Walls with DNA Results: Finding Early Colonial Pennsylvania People."

The President adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Colleen Allen, EDHGS Secretary