

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

SUBJECT: **APPROVED** Minutes of the El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society
Regular Meeting of June 17, 2015.

Vice-President Phil Gray convened the Meeting at 6:17 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed 21 members in attendance: Dr. Gwynn Akin, John C. Bronaugh, Barbara Cannaday, Barbara Fary, Michele Forrest, Richard Forrest, Phil Governor, Catherine Graham, Phillip Gray, Marcia Kestner, Astarra Laughlin, Monique Laughlin, Vince Militello, Karen Parsons, Karen Rain, Marie Reale, Diane Rosales, Ruth Self, Cameron Stumpf, Marcia Stumpf and Leona M. Sunseri.

There were no visitors.

Because of prior difficulties on my computer, the following is being sent to the Membership on July 14, 2015:

Draft Minutes of the EDHGS Regular Meeting of April 15, 2015
Draft Minutes of the EDHGS Regular Meeting of May 20, 2015
Draft Minutes of the EDHGS Regular Meeting of June 17, 2015

Members present will be asked to approve or correct these Minutes at the next EDHGS Regular Meeting on July 15, 2015.

In Colleen's absence, Phil reported that the balance on May 1, 2015 was \$7,220.67 with total receipts of \$135.87, total disbursements of \$105.97 and an ending balance of \$7,250.57.

Barbara Cannaday gave an update on the work being done at the gravesites at Folsom Prison. She said we were about 1/3 done and that, fortunately, no snakes or ticks had hampered the work efforts. Next Tuesday, Friday and the following Tuesday are the only days we have left. No information has yet been added to FindAGrave. Phil Hendricks has downloaded the prisoners' mug photos on his computer.

It was announced that a new Ancestry satellite office has been opened at Hazel Avenue and Madison Avenue where birth and death certificates may be obtained for people born, married, divorced or deceased in Sacramento County. Cost: \$23.50.

Leona noted that we are making between \$30 and \$40 per month on our recycling.

Phil introduced tonight's speaker, Vi Parsons who then began her presentation on "Government Fixer-Uppers – The Homestead Act of 1862". She told of it being signed

into law on May 20th, 1862 by President Abraham Lincoln, becoming effective on January 1, 1863 and being repealed October 21, 1976.

Her information included Entryman (Applicant) Requirements, a description of what may be found in 1862 Land Records and where they are located. She also spoke about other land acts from 1820 through 1877 and provided a hand-out which covered her very informative presentation.

Phil thanked Ms. Parsons for all of the wonderful information that she shared this evening.

He then asked her to draw the winning name in this month's "Book Bucket" drawing. Richard Forrest was the winner who will now get to pick a genealogical book of his choice and be able to take it home for 30 days after which it will be added to our permanent collection at the EDH Branch Library.

Last month's winner was Colleen Allen whose book choice was "The History of New Haven Colony". We will let the Membership know when it has been added to the Library's collection.

Phil welcomed everyone to return next month on July 15th, 2015 to hear Gena Philibert-Ortega speak on "Combining Historical Research With Your Genealogical Research."

The Vice President adjourned the Meeting at 7:45 p.m..

Karen Parsons, Secretary
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