

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

SUBJECT: **APPROVED** Minutes of the El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society
Regular Meeting of July 15, 2015.

President Trevor Thomas convened the Meeting at 6:19 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed a total of 17 members in attendance: Dr. Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, Megan Bond, John C. Bronaugh, Barbara Cannaday, Phil Governor, Catherine Graham, Pat Keegan, Vince Militello, Karen Parsons, Melinda Peak, Karen Rain, Diane Rosales, Ruth Self, Leona M. Sunseri, Douglas Thayne and Trevor Thomas.

There were 2 visitors: A man who identified himself only as "J.P." and Michele Durkin.

Leona welcomed our visitors.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance on June 1, 2015 was \$7,250.57 and, with total receipts of \$150.72 and total disbursements of \$63.99, the ending balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$7,337.30.

Trevor asked those members present to approve the draft minutes of the April, May and June Regular Meetings. All were approved except the Treasurer's Report for April has to be added to the May minutes. Karen will see to this and re-send those minutes out to the membership.

The Nevada City Genealogical Society will have its Annual Seminar on Saturday, August 29th. Steven Morse will be the speaker.

Trevor mentioned the California State Library, a branch of the Sutro Library and The El Dorado County Museum by the Placerville Fairgrounds. Trevor told of looking up a Civil War veteran's information in Placerville.

Colleen wore her polo shirt which she had embroidered with our EDHGS logo. Karen will pick up some business cards for our next meeting in case other members want to go there and get something of theirs embroidered. The name of the firm is American Logowear and it is located at 603-B East Bidwell Street, Folsom.

The Book Bucket: Doug Thayne, Colleen Allen and Dr. Gwynn Akin, previous winners of the Book Bucket drawings, were given the books that they requested be ordered for their research. Each will get to keep the book of his or her choice for 30 days before it becomes part of our permanent collection in the library.

Barbara Cannaday spoke about the Folsom Cemetery project. The next part will involve working in the museum, compiling names, prisoner numbers and photos

and getting the information recorded onto FindAGrave.

Trevor advised the latest news on our website, EDHGS.com. We want to join other genealogical societies in other states. We have just gotten a group membership with The New England Historic and Genealogical Society.

Trevor welcomed tonight's speaker, hailing all the way from Temecula, Gena Philibert-Ortega whose topic is "Combining Historical Research with your Genealogy".

Ms. Philibert-Ortega feels that adding historical data to one's genealogical research enriches the stories within your family tree. She provided a helpful hand-out which notes, in part, "Combining history with your genealogy may seem different than just researching your ancestor but in some ways it is the same. When researching, remember that you are looking at your ancestor's community, neighbors and era. To make your research interesting, you want to explore their occupation, their religion, their way of life."

Trevor thanked Ms. Philibert-Ortega for her extremely well done presentation and asked her to draw a name from tonight's Book Bucket. The winner was Ruth Self.

Colleen reminded everyone that Leona was collecting the recyclables tonight.

Our next meeting, August 19th, will feature Glenda Gardner Lloyd speaking on the "ABCs of Land Records"

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Karen Parsons,
Secretary