

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society  
Regular Meeting of August 17, 2016.

Vice-President Monique Laughlin convened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed 22 members in attendance: Dr. Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, Jacki Baker, John C. Bronaugh, Barbara Cannaday, Connie Frost, Gary Frost, Catherine Graham, Walt Huff, Marcia Kestner, Astarra Laughlin, Monique Laughlin, Carol McGraw, Karen Parsons, Karen Rain, Ruth Self, Cameron Stumpf, Marcia Stumpf, Leona Sunseri, Trevor Thomas, Afton Tuveson and Georgia Viersen.

There were 5 visitors: Jim Moitoza, Tim White, Joan Houston, Marilyn Mihalic and John Hidahl, all of who were greeted by Leona.

Monique began the meeting by reading the biography of George G. Morgan who lives near Tampa, Florida.

His live one-hour webinar this evening was entitled, "Genealogy Orienteering" after which there was a Question and Answer period.

Mr. Morgan's interesting webinar included tips on using the correct books and censuses for research. His 4-page handout was available at our meeting and will be a very helpful document for those who need to use maps in their family tree studies.

The Book Bucket was explained for the benefit of the visitors and passed around to those present.

Three books for our past Book Bucket winners were given to:

Ruth Self: "Jamestown Ancestors ~ 1607 to 1699"

Richard Forrest: "California Wagon Train Lists ~ April 1849 to October 1852" and "Reading Early American Handwriting"

Our new member, Tim White donated a book to us on California Gold Camps.

Monique called for approval of the minutes of the July 20 Regular Meeting which were sent to the membership on August 16, 2016. The motion to approve was made by Karen Rain and was seconded by Ruth Self.

Colleen gave the Treasurer's Report which showed a beginning balance on July 1, 2016 of \$7,674.18, with total receipts of \$154.68, total disbursements of \$307.16 and an

ending balance of \$7,521.70 on July 31, 2016. We took in \$57 in recyclables for July.

Monique talked about the Book Committee and said there will be a meeting during the second week of September. We are looking for more people to join the committee.

Member Carol McGraw mentioned that she had written to Parker County, TX for copies of death certificates of some of her ancestors. They said the cost was \$7.50 which she sent, only to find out that the \$7.50 cost was for the search. The charge for each document would be \$7.50 additional! Then they said they couldn't find anything!

Ruth Self mentioned that in her research, her family was living right on a county line and very difficult to find.

Monique reminded everyone to be sure and come to our next meeting on September 21, 2016 when our former speaker, Janice Sellers will speak on "Grandma, Who Are You?"

The Book Bucket winner was Catherine Graham.

Karen Rain asked if there would be a webinar at the next workshop on September 7, 2016. Colleen Allen responded by saying she wasn't certain yet. We'll have to wait and see.

Ruth noted that as of September 1, 2016 we will have a new librarian, Jan Robbins.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Karen Parsons  
EDHGS Secretary