

**Benton County Genealogical Society**  
**General Meeting Minutes - 10: 30am, Sat. Sept 14, 2024**  
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**President:** George Davidson called the meeting to order. About 25 attended.

1. Next Board meeting will be Oct 4, 2024, at 1:00pm in the Annex.
2. 10:30am: the General meeting was on Saturday Oct 12, 2024, in the museum.
3. 11:00am program: Jessica Hougen Executive Director of the Benton County Museums spoke about the changes planned for the Philomath Museum.(See below)

**Vice President:** Kathryn asked for ideas for future speakers.

**Treasurer/Finance:** Lois reported we may change the time of year when we collect dues to make it coincide with our fiscal year. We still have more expenses than income; however, we have some savings in the bank. Adding a few more members would help us break even for the year.

**Membership:** Connie reported we currently have 36 members.

**Webmaster:** George posts the BCGS newsletters on our website. As of September 2024 we need a new newsletter editor. Anyone interested may contact any of the board members for more information.

**Library:** Liza reported she and George completed labeling the many donated books. Over the summer they rearranged all the books by similar topics. “General Oregon” books and “How To” books are downstairs, Military books and maps are upstairs. All books have been labeled on the spine if possible. Help will be needed to complete a new BCGS Library inventory soon.

**Program:** Jessica Hougen told us about the many changes planned for the whole museum. Rooms in the museum are being reconfigured to accommodate different purposes. She invited BCGS to move into the museum and we toured several rooms that could fit our library needs. BCGS meetings will still be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Plans include updating parts of the museum, adding education programs, more convenient elevator access, additional restrooms and so much more.

**Refreshments:** Refreshments were available at the Annex following the program.

Respectfully submitted  
Linda Olsen, Secretary

