

Benton County Genealogy Society
P.O. Box 1646
Philomath, OR 97370
Wednesday February 8, 2017
The Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm

Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** George called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. Those attending: George, Ron, Sue, Kathryn, Linda, Connie, and Lois.
 2. **Minutes:** Copies of the January 11, 2017, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
 3. **President:**
 - a. The next Board Meeting will be March 8, 2017, and the next General Meeting will be March 11, 2017.
 - b. Additional information for the General Meeting:
 - *Linda will explain the "Outreach to Benton County Communities" plan and ask for input and participation.
 - *George will bring his wireless portable PA system
 - c. A couple of newsletters sent via e-mail were returned to George as undeliverable. A few members have requested paper copies because of their computer problems.
 - d. George now has access to WIFI and a password for the church social hall.
 4. **Past President:** Ron explained the Family Search Wiki web site and offered to present a program in April that will demonstrate its powerful research capabilities.
 5. **Vice President:** Kathryn Moss offered to introduce the speakers for our programs .
 6. **Programs:** Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons
February: George will demonstrate the Legacy genealogy software and the new society web page.
March: Dawn Carlile's topic is "Using Online Newspapers in Your Genealogy Research."
April: Ron DeYoung will demonstrate the powerful research capabilities of Family Search Wiki.
May: Hannah Allan's topic is "History for the Genealogist & Putting History in your Family History."
June: Potluck and Summer Break
September: Show and Tell, sharing and gathering back together
October: Don Anderson's topic is "Native American to Scottish. DNA, Family History, in Corvallis!"
November: TBA
December: Annual Holiday Auction and Potluck
 7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Membership:** Connie reported that we currently have 41 memberships. A few regular members have not paid their dues. Connie is considering how to keep a list of all members that have ever attended BCGS.
 - b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:** Lois reported that our current balance is \$5, 540.99. All the major bills have been paid. Future expenses will include speakers fees.
 - c. **Publications: Web, Newsletter**
 - *Published Book Sales:
 - * Webmaster: George – Updates
- George has posted at least 70 BCGS Newsletters on our new web site at www.bcgs-oregon.org

***Newsletter**

Send newsletter submissions to Ron DeYoung for publication.

***BCGS Facebook page. See the updated program information.**

<https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>

Sue and George discussed how to become an editor on our facebook page. Sue will check with Dana Sanchez as Dana set up our facebook page.

e. Library Committee: Sue

*Sue noted that we have members now who are interested in beginning genealogy, and we need a way to help them get started.

*Sue brought a flyer as an example of a mentoring program. After some discussion about how helpful a similar flyer would be to our society, Sue and Kathryn decided to work together on a flyer for BCGS.

*With Connie's input, it was decided that the best way of distributing a paper copy of the mentoring flyer would be to tuck it inside of our BCGS information brochures.

*Sue has put together a folder for any member to write down a "wish list" item for the library. Find this folder on top of the vertical file in the library office in the Annex.

8. Unfinished Business

*The Officer and Committee Responsibilities update was briefly addressed.

*Linda explained the idea of an "Outreach to Benton County Communities" plan to contact people in small communities in Benton County. Individuals, museums, newsletters, granges, libraries, Chambers of Commerce and social media are sources to help locate people who may be interested in visiting our society. It would be a way to connect with folks who might not otherwise be aware of our society and invite them to visit our society.

*Anyone located that has historical knowledge of a Benton County community may be invited to write an article on the history of their community to be published in our newsletter or even be a potential speaker.

9. New Business

10. Other

*Connie let us know that the rolling cart with the projector on it that we have always borrowed from the museum has been replaced by a portable table now stored in the BCGS Library. We may still borrow the projector from the museum for our programs; we may also need an extension cord.

*Connie told about a surprise donation significant to the Horner collection: Monograph #1, Oral History Program from the Horner Museum collection containing an interview of "Alan Berg" in 1983. An unknown gentleman donated the transcription to the BCGS Library the day Connie was there. Danell Aukerman also donated several monograph booklets in this same series. The booklets have historical significance.

11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary