

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

Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** George called the meeting to order at 12:30pm. Those attending: George, Ron, Kathryn, Sue, Linda, Connie, and Lois.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the February 8, 2017, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
3. **President**
 - a. The next Board Meeting will be April 5, 2017, and General Meeting will be April 8, 2017.
 - b. Additional information for the General Meeting:
 - *Lois will announce the March 14th Mac Users meeting. She plans to attend and evaluate the speaker as a potential speaker for our society.
 - c. George will set up projector, laptop and portable PA system if needed for the program.

4. **Past President** - Ron

5. **Vice President** - Kathryn Moss

Kathryn brought an example of a tri-fold flyer she designed featuring a pedigree chart that we could include in our brochures to encourage new members who are just beginning their genealogy with an offer of a mentor to help them get started.

6. **Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons**

March: Dawn Carlile will present a program on digital newspapers

April: Ron DeYoung will demonstrate how to effectively search Family Search Wiki

May: Hannah Allan agreed to present a program in May.

Summer Break

September: Show n Tell

October: Don Anderson agreed to present a program in October.

November: TBA

December: Holiday auction

7. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Membership:** Connie reported that we have 43 memberships. Eight active members still need to pay their dues. Membership is good, however, and Connie will follow up with visitors who attended the previous meeting. Connie will add our facebook page URL to the updated society brochure.
- b. **Treasurer:** Lois reported that our current balance is \$5, 636.86. We continue to stay ahead of where we were this time last year, so our financial situation is good.
- c. **Publications:** Web, Newsletter
 - *Published Book Sales:

* **Webmaster:** George – Photographs of the Annex were added to the web page. George redacted contact information from the past BCGS newsletters posted on our website as requested by a member for a privacy concern. www.bcfgs-oregon.org

***Newsletter**

After discussion it was decided that the number of pages for the newsletter should be limited to 9 ½ pages. Ron will add a section in the newsletter to welcome new members and add a photo.

*BCGS Facebook page. Sue has posted the program posters on our facebook page. Looks Great! <https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>

e. Library Committee: Sue

- * Will bring a new book list for 2016 to the Saturday General meeting.
- * First time visitors to our library generally just want a tour. Returning visitors only (non-members) will be charged \$5 for the use of our library.
- * Will keep one year's worth of our BCGS past newsletters in the library.
- * Librarians will meet in April to sort magazines and journals and discuss options for keeping them, indexing them or recycling them.

8. Unfinished Business

Linda: Outreach information received will be published under "Around Benton County" in the newsletter. Responses to date include:

- *Monroe Library will post BCGS information I send them
- *Mary's River Grange Hall Jay Sexton will write an article
- *Faye's interviews from Camp Adair will eventually be articles for the newsletter
- *Jill VanBuren who was featured on the front page of the GT March 4, 2017, may attend the Saturday General Meeting and tell about the large oval portraits found in the Corvallis courthouse. She is trying to identify the several individuals in these pictures.
- *Ron D. will write an article about the unique Hull Oakes Lumber Co.

9. New Business

10. Other

11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary