

Benton County Genealogy Society  
P.O. Box 1646  
Philomath, OR 97370  
Wednesday May 10, 2017  
The Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm

## Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** George called the meeting to order at 12:35pm. Those attending: George, Kathryn, Sue, Linda, and Connie.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the April 5, 2017, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
3. **President**
  - a. The next Board Meeting will be June 7, 2017, and next General Meeting will be June 10, 2017.
  - b. Additional information for the General Meeting:
    - \*Announce new photo webpage is up. Explain how to submit photos
    - \*Announce the change of contrast to the website. Tabs are more visible now.
    - \*Time for Jay Sexton to speak about the Marys River Grange at the end of our business meeting
    - \*Discussed the invitation from Jay Sexton to use the Marys River Grange for one of our meetings. One suggestion was June 2018 for our potluck.
  - c. George will bring his wireless portable PA system and set up WIFI and the projector and table for Hannah Z. Allan's presentation on Saturday.

#### 4. Past President - Ron

5. **Vice President - Kathryn Moss**  
Offered to bring juice to add to the refreshments.

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

May: Hannah Allan's program topic about "Incorporating History into Genealogy."

June: Pot Luck

Summer Break ----- **BCGS Library will be open through the summer**

September: Show n Tell

October: Don Anderson's program titled "From Native American to Scottish: The Journey to find my first parents". It all started in Corvallis!"

November: TBA

December: Holiday auction and potluck

#### Potential Programs for 2017:

Linda proposed a program for June on dating old photographs.

#### 7. Committee Reports

a. Treasurer/Finance Committee: no report.

b. Membership: Connie reported that we have 51 paid memberships plus several complimentary memberships.

\*Connie is now printing our brochures a few at a time on brighter yellow paper.

\*Feedback from new members and visitors about where they heard about our genealogy society is covers the many places we have distributed notices in businesses, submitted announcements in the newspaper and by word of mouth.

c. Publications: Web, Newsletter

\*Published Book Sales: Sue brought paperwork for the pending Missouri printed book order for George to sign.

\* Webmaster: George has made updates to our BCGS website by adding a new page for photographs to post unidentified people. Members may submit their photographs to be posted on our website. George will explain the process at the General Meeting.

\*George has improved our web site at [bcgs-oregon.org](http://bcgs-oregon.org) by changing the color contrast to make the writing on the tabs more visible.

\*He arranged the “Home” page, making the contact information easier to find and added graphics.

\*Newsletter

Send newsletter submissions to Ron DeYoung for publication.

\*BCGS Facebook page. Sue has posted BCGS information on our facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>

e. Library Committee: Sue

\*The library inventory is scheduled for June 16.

\*The librarians will discuss the library staffing on the Saturdays of our General meetings to possibly close the library early on meeting days when no one is using the library towards the last hour or so.

\* Sue will pass around a sign-up sheet at the General meeting requesting more library volunteers.

## 8. Unfinished Business

## 9. New Business

## 10. Other

\*Don Anderson, our October 2017 speaker, sent an e-mail to announce that his book is now on Amazon.

**Paper and Spit: Family Found: How DNA and Genealogy revealed my first parents' identity.** \$15.66.

\*Corvallis Parks and Rec Fair 31 May - Lois volunteered to participate.

\*Connie shared information about a potential speaker: **The Black Suitcase Mystery** by Gail E. Downs

\*Connie suggested publishing BCGS meeting information in the Franklin Press a quarterly publication.

\*Connie suggested contacting the Business Dept at OSU for a speaker in Fashion Design to talk about how to date photographs by changes in fashions.

\*Connie shared that July 22 the BCHM will sponsor a Free Family Day for kids this summer. If we had some volunteers, we could make our presence known with some type of activity appropriate for kids.

## 11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary