

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

Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** George called the meeting to order at 12:35pm. Those attending: George, Sue, Linda, Lois, and Ron D.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the October 11, 2017, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
3. **President**
 - a. The next Board Meeting will be December 6, 2017
 - b. The next General Meeting will be December 9, 2017, Ron D. may conduct the meeting in George's absence.
 - c. Additional agenda information for the General Meeting:
 - d. Make sure everyone knows they need to vote for next year's officers at the December meeting.
 - e. Build up interest in the December auction and potluck and remind members to begin gathering items or the auction NOW.
 - f. George will bring his wireless portable PA system for the "Honoring Our Veterans" program and leave it in the library for use at the December meeting and auction.

4. Past President - Ron

5. Vice President - Kathryn Moss

6. Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons

2017

November: Honoring our Veterans - members are invited to speak and/or bring items for display.

December: Holiday Auction and potluck

2018

January: Erlinda Gonzales-Berry will speak about "The History of Mexicans in Oregon" and her connection to the first Spanish/Mexican colonizers to settle north of the Rio Grande in 1598.

February: Gail Downs is scheduled for a presentation on "**The Black Suitcase Mystery**" February 10, 2018.

March: Jan Meranda will present a program about the "**Letitia Carson Story**" with updates March 10, 2018.

April: tentatively scheduled is Ron De Young telling about his 10,000 mile journey

May: TBA

June: potluck

Potential programs:

*Keith and Darlene Pyeatt: multiple topics to choose from

* David Harrelson "The Kalapuya Then and Now"

7. Committee Reports

a. Membership: Connie

b. Treasurer/Finance Committee: Lois reported our current balance is \$5, 815.91 after paying yearly large expenses for our space to meet in the Annex and church social hall. We may eventually contribute to the cost of hiring a housekeeper/cleaner for the Annex.

c. Publications: Web, Newsletter

*Published Book Sales: Another large book order has been fulfilled.

* Webmaster: George – Updates --

George is continuing to work with Family Search to digitize our BCGS published materials. It should not be a problem for us to sell digital copies as well as the hard copies. The printing costs may go up and the cost per printed book may increase. Digitized copies will be less expensive to purchase than the hard copies. Only a few marriage certificates remain to be digitized.

George is continuing to work on getting the newspaper CDs added to our BCGS web page also.

*Newsletter

Send newsletter submissions to George for publication until have a new newsletter editor.

*BCGS Facebook page. See the updated program information Sue has posted.

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

e. Library Committee: Sue

*Another book order has been fulfilled.

*Sue explained that the library has accumulated numerous books appropriate for a book sale and would like to organize a book sale following a BCGS program. Using the church social hall following our usual program time was discussed. Arrangements would need to be made with the church and a time selected.

*Sue told about a box of items purchased from a storage locker that had been brought to the BCGS Library. Sue and other librarians sorted through the items to discover the name of the deceased individual who had owned them. Sue researched the family and contacted individuals who had not known about these items. It was a feel-good moment to connect these forgotten diaries and records with family members.

8. Unfinished Business

*Continue following up with the digitized BCGS published books

*Continue plans for a BCGS Library book sale

*Continue searching for a newsletter editor

9. New Business

10. Other

11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary