

Benton County Genealogy Society  
P.O. Box 1646  
Philomath, OR 97370  
Wednesday October 11, 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 September 6, 2017, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
3. **President**
  - a. The next Board Meeting will be November 8, 2017.
  - b. The next General Meeting will be November 11, 2017.
  - c. Additional agenda information for the General Meeting:
    - \*updates on digitizing our society published materials for sale
    - \*additions on our new web site marriage certificates and newspapers.
    - \*another large book order, this time from Texas and ease of using Pay Pal for payment
    - \*statement or discussion about nomination of officers for 2018
  - d. George will bring his wireless portable PA system and extra equipment Don Anderson will require for his presentation on Saturday.
4. **Past President - Ron**
5. **Vice President - Kathryn Moss**

Kathryn, Sue, and Connie are developing a plan for mentoring members that want help with their genealogy.
6. **Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons**

**2017**

**October:** Don Anderson will present: **“From Native American to Scottish: The Journey to find my first parents”**. **It all started in Corvallis!**”  
His book: **Paper and Spit: Family Found: How DNA and Genealogy Revealed my First Parents’ Identity** is now available. Book signing will follow his program.

**November: Honoring our Veterans**, members are invited to bring memorabilia for display: clothing, photos, stories and memories, service records, pension records. Where to find military records will be discussed.

**December: Holiday auction and potluck**

**2018**

**January:** TBA

**February:** Gail Downs is tentatively 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 10th
7. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Membership:** Connie reported that we now have 61 memberships. She brought examples of the updated membership form she designed and is working on an updated BCGS brochure. She will talk about the new membership form at Saturday’s business meeting.
  - b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:**

George told about the smooth transaction between deposits in Pay Pal on our new web site directly into our BCGS bank account. The annual Audit is now completed.

c. Publications: Web, Newsletter

\*Published Book Sales: Another book order is being fulfilled. Maridee Symons is helping Sue with the process of copying and filling the book orders.

\* Webmaster: George

George is working on how to post the 1850-1945 Benton County marriage certificates and selected Gazette Times newspapers dated between 1891 - 1925 on our web site [www.bcg-oregon.org](http://www.bcg-oregon.org)

\*Newsletter – Send newsletter submissions to George for publication. We need a new newsletter editor.

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

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

d. Library Committee: Sue

Sue is removing all CDs from our BCGS library as they are not being used now with the information readily available online. She will write an article for the BCGS newsletter explaining this decision.

**8. Unfinished Business**

Linda reviewed the upcoming scheduled BCGS programs. Options for the November program to “Honor our Veterans” were discussed. November will feature displays of memorabilia and participation from veterans. Participation from our membership will be encouraged at the meeting for anyone wanting to tell about their service or an ancestor’s military service. Where to find military records will be addressed.

Linda will investigate inviting David Harrelson to speak at a future program. He is Kalapuya and serves as the cultural resources department manager and tribal historic preservation officer for his community, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.

**9. New Business**

**10. Other**

**11. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary