

Benton County Genealogy Society
P.O. Box 1646
Philomath, OR 97370
Wednesday September 6, 2017
The Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm

Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** George called the meeting to order at 12:37pm. Those attending: George, Ron, Kathryn, Sue, Linda, Connie, and Lois.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the June 7, 2017, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
3. **President**
 - a. The next Board Meeting will be October 11, 2017. Connie will schedule the library conference room for the next 6 months at the end of our current 6 months term.
 - b. The next General Meeting will be October 14, 2017.
 - c. Additional agenda information:
 - *See discussion about BCGS Library reorganization
 - *See discussion about October and November newsletters
 - *See discussion about Lois' idea for a summary of accomplishments for the year.
 - d. George will bring his wireless portable PA system

4. Past President - Ron

5. Vice President - Kathryn Moss

Kathryn and Sue are working on a new member packet with assistance from Connie.

6. Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons

September: Show n Tell

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.

November: Honoring our Veterans

December: Holiday auction and potluck

Potential program speakers for 2018 and Nov 2017.

* possible speaker for Nov 2017 is Bill McCash, author of **Bombs Over Brookings**

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

*Jan Meranda is tentatively scheduled for a presentation on the "**Letitia Carson Story**" March 10, 2018.

7. Committee Reports

a. **Membership:** Connie reported that we have 60 memberships.

b. **Treasurer:** Lois reported our current balance is \$6,044.04.

Lois had prepared a new budget proposal. Following discussion, the new budget was approved.

Lois prepared a year end summary of our society with statistics. See summary attached to minutes.

c. **Publications:** Web, Newsletter

***Published Book Sales:**

Two orders for our published books were received and the transactions are complete.

Discussion followed about possible options to reproduce our published books with the

possibility of digitizing our society published books.

George will follow up with a Family Search representative to discuss the possibility of having Family Search professionally digitize and advertize our published materials.

George e-mailed the Board a copy of a "Digital Imaging Agreement" to look over.

*** Webmaster: George**

***Newsletter**

George will collect items for the newsletter for October and November as Ron will be on a trip.

***BCGS Facebook page.** See the updated society information posted on our Facebook page.

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

d Library Committee:

*Sue talked about a new organizational plan for the BCGS Library. Discussion revolved around responsibilities of the Head Librarian, an Inventory Coordinator, a Newsletter Coordinator, a Volunteer Staff Coordinator and Major Projects currently in process. The reorganization is geared toward making the library run efficiently with librarians assigned specific duties.

*How long to keep newsletters, magazines and journals is still being worked out. Many older back issues will be offered to the membership at Saturday's General Meeting.

*Ron D. noted that any old cassettes and CDs produced by Family Search could be thrown out as all that material is now online.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

More information about the possible digital preservation of some of our BCGS records is pending.

10. Other

11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary

What We Did this Year
September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017
Benton County Genealogical Society

Net Income: \$829

This is partly due to the sale of \$430 worth of our books
And more income from both dues and the December Auction
Less expense than anticipated for programs

Bank Balance at August 31, 2017: \$6,044

Number of new members this year: 9!

Number of total members as of August 31st: 60

Library usage: 29 Non-BCGS folks used our library this year

Library Volunteers

- 10 volunteers and 3 alternates provided 260 hours for Tuesday and Saturday staffing
- We now have wifi in the library and two new computers!
- 8 volunteers are working to evaluate upstairs materials for retention, approximately 100 hours of work so far
- The annual inventory was accomplished in a single day with few missing books

Programs

- 10, including the December auction and the June Potluck
- We averaged about 31 people at the programs
- AND our programs and meetings have been enhanced by George's hand-held mike system

Writing Group

- An average of 10 writers met 8 times this last year, and will continue into this new year. All are welcome to join them. Tuesday September 19th at 1:00.