

Benton County Genealogy Society
P.O. Box 1646
Philomath, OR 97370
Wednesday January 10, 2018
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, Connie, and Lois.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the December 6, 2017, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
3. **President**
 - a. The next Board Meeting will be February 7, 2018
 - b. The next General Meeting will be February 10, 2018.
 - c. Additional agenda information for the General Meeting:
 - *Using Pay Pal for membership payment is now an option.
 - *George will bring the wireless portable PA system, laptop and projector for the speaker.
 - *Installation of Officers–Linda will contact Bill Gleaves to read the Installation of Officers script and swear in the officers for 2018
 - *Lois will acknowledge the volunteers at the installation ceremony
 - *George will open a discussion at the General Meeting about publishing a quarterly newsletter instead of a monthly newsletter. Three newsletters within 10 months.
 - d. Thanks to George, BCGS now has a small, nearly brand new PA system he sold to BCGS for \$50.
4. **Past President** - Ron
5. **Vice President** - Kathryn Moss
6. **Programs 2018** - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons

January 13: 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 10: Gail Downs is scheduled to present “**The Black Suitcase Mystery**” – A World War II Remembrance.

March 10: Jan Meranda will present the “**Letitia Carson Story**” with updates.

April 14: Tentatively, Ron D. will present a program on his research travels to Maine and his discoveries.

May 12: Keith & Darlene Pyeatt, GFO members, will speak on **Immigration and Naturalization**
(Topic as selected at the December General Meeting.)

June 9: Annual Potluck and tentatively a BCGS Library book sale.

Summer Break for July and August

The BCGS Library will remain open during the summer at the regular hours.

September 8: Gathering Back together and sharing Genealogical research

October 13: Lois will present a program on **Ancestry and DNA**

November 10: TBA

December 8: Annual Holiday Auction and Potluck

7. Committee Reports

a. **Membership:** Connie

*Connie reported that we have 41 memberships! Additional donations with the memberships totaled \$80.

b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:** Lois

*Lois reported our current balance is \$6,203.11, and she passed around the current spread sheet. The December auction brought in \$231.

c. **Publications: Web, Newsletter** -George

*Published Book Sales: A process for printing single copies of our published books on demand and tracking payment by check and/or by Pay Pal was discussed.

* **Webmaster:** George

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Family Search is in the process of digitizing our published materials.
See the newsletters George has added to our website.

***Newsletter:** George

Publishing a quarterly newsletter instead of monthly was discussed.

We need more help with the newsletter and a permanent newsletter editor.

***BCGS Facebook page.** See updates Sue has posted.

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

e. **Library Committee:** Sue

*Sue would like someone else to take over the Library duties by September. Lois will continue organizing the volunteers to staff the library. Maridee will take over the published book purchases.

*Displaying magazines and newsletters for a donation purchase in the upstairs BCGS Library area is planned.

*A book sale in June is tentatively planned.

8. Unfinished Business

Installation of Officers and formally thanking volunteers will take place at the January General Meeting.

9. New Business

Lois offered to present a program on Ancestry and DNA in October.

10. Other

11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Olsen, Secretary

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