

Benton County Genealogy Society  
P.O. Box 1646  
Philomath, OR 97370  
Wednesday May 9, 2018  
Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm

## Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Kathryn called the meeting to order at 12:35pm. Those attending: Kathryn, Sue, Linda, Marj, Lois, Connie and Ann. Kathryn welcomed two additional members today, Ann and Marj.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the April 11, 2018, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
3. **President**
  - a. The next Board Meeting will be June 6, 2018
  - b. The next General Meeting will be June 9, 2018.
  - c. Additional agenda information for the General Meeting:  
Kathryn will introduce the speaker, Keith Pyeatt.  
Lois asked Dana to write a program review.  
Linda will bring the handouts for the speaker.
  - d. George will bring the wireless portable PA system, set up laptop and projector for the speaker.
4. **Past President - Ron**
5. **Vice President - Kathryn Moss**  
Kathryn shared her draft copy of the material she wrote for the new member packet.

### 6. Programs - Linda

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#### Programs Scheduled for 2018

**May 12:** Keith & Darlene Pyeatt, GFO members, will speak on **Immigration and Naturalization**

**June 9:** Potluck and collections program. Members may bring their collections to display in the social hall.  
Optional: Linda will take photos of each member's collection.

#### Summer Break for July and August

The BCGS Library will remain open during the summer at the regular hours – Tues & Sat 1 to 3:30pm

**September 8:** Gathering back together and **Book Sale**.

**October 13:** Sandra Potter will present a program about **Women in World War II**

**November 10:** Lois will present a program on **Ancestry and DNA**

**December 8:** Annual Holiday Auction and Potluck

### 2019

January 12 Ted Cox will speak about his book Murray Loop and writing techniques

March 9: Ann Smart will demonstrate Rootsmagic and talk about recent updates.

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### 7. Committee Reports

- a. **Membership:** Connie reported that we have **64** memberships including several comp and life memberships and 13 new members. Connie will update our society brochure. She also talked about the half price membership fee available from June through December.
- b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:** Lois reported the current income and expenses. Our current balance is \$6,119.23 which is still \$75 ahead of last year at this time.  
Lois may add an occasional treasurer's report in the newsletter.

c. Publications: Web, Newsletter

\*Published Book Sales:.

\* Webmaster: George – Updates --

[www.bcg-oregon.org](http://www.bcg-oregon.org)

George requested a free library copy of Rootsmagic genealogical software and will install it on our BCGS computers in the library.

\*Newsletter

Ann Bateman has agreed to be the new newsletter editor.

She plans to produce a monthly newsletter beginning in the fall. Ann will use a copy of the “Golden Rules of Genealogy” in the fall newsletter that is included in the new member packet.

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

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

e. Library Committee: Sue

\*Kathryn shared a draft of the new member information packet she has been developing.

\*Sue will write “How To” instructions for using the BCGS Library to include in the new member packet.

\*Sue would like book suggestions to purchase a book as a memorial for Ted Gump.

\*The \$5 fee for non-members to use our BCGS Library was discussed and a decision made to eliminate the fee.

\*Sue talked about a plan to recycle the discarded library items.

\*Sue brought a written plan to equally distribute the librarians’ work load. Volunteers would be responsible for specific jobs in the library such as scheduling the volunteers, inventory, and other necessary library duties .

\*Sue brought a copy of a Questionnaire Survey for members to fill out at the Saturday meeting to find out why members do not use our library very frequently.

\*Marj suggested putting the Survey questions on colored paper.

\*Sue would like to find someone else to do the Facebook page.

\*Sue talked about plans for the upcoming Book Sale in September.

**8. Unfinished Business**

Linda talked about the June program. Members will bring collections to display in the social hall. The collections will have a brief written description to answer the questions:

“How did you start your collection?”

“What would your ancestors learn about you from this collection?”

Optional: Linda will take photos of members’ collections. Digital photos will then be sent to each member.

**9. New Business**

\*Types of programs we offer was discussed. A balance of historical and How to programs seems appropriate.

\*Designing a conference with multiple speakers was discussed.

**10. Other**

Marj suggested making program flyers available to the membership prior to the next program.

**11. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary