

Benton County Genealogy Society
P.O. Box 1646
Philomath, OR 97370
Wednesday November 7, 2018
The Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm

Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** George called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. Those attending: George, Sue, Lois, Linda, Connie and Kathryn.
 2. **Minutes:** Copies of the October 10, 2018, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
 3. **President**
 - a. The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday December 5, 2018
 - b. The next General Meeting will be Saturday December 8, 2018.
 - c. George will bring the wireless portable PA system and other equipment needed by the speaker.
 - d. A silent auction in December this year was discussed. George will present the idea at the General meeting on Saturday.
 - e. Finding a new secretary is urgent. Perhaps two members could work together with one attending the Board meetings and one attending the General Meetings.
 - f. George brought information on several computers that could replace the computer in the library that no longer works. He will shop for the best deal for a replacement.
 4. **Past President**
 5. **Vice President** - Kathryn Moss will introduce the speaker, Douglas Sackinger, on Saturday
 6. **Programs - Linda Olsen**
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Programs Scheduled for 2018

November 10: Douglas Sackinger will present **Finding and Understanding Maps**
December 8: Annual **Holiday Auction** and **Potluck**.

Programs Scheduled for 2019

January 12: Ted Cox will talk about his book Murray Loop and writing techniques (not confirmed)
February 9: Danell Aukerman will demonstrate **How to Research Genealogy on the Internet**.
March 9: Ann Smart will demonstrate the basics of **Rootsmagic** and talk about recent updates.
April 13: Pam Vestal will cover **Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret**
May 11: Leanne Trask will present **Pitfalls of German Genealogy**

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Membership:** Connie reported that we have 65 memberships for 2018. About 15 members are already signed up for 2019 memberships.
Connie reserved the Library Conference Room for the next six months for our Board meetings.
- b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:** Lois reported our current balance is \$6,625.19. Our yearly payment to the church and museum is due. The Board approved the new budget for 2019.

c. Publications: Web, Newsletter

*Published Book Sales:

* Webmaster: George posted the November BCGS newsletter.

www.bcgs-oregon.org

*Newsletter: Several items will be submitted to Ann B. for publication in our December Newsletter such as the membership form, December Holiday Auction ideas list (emphasize food is always a good choice), and a ballot to vote for 2019 officers., and an explanation of a silent auction and what to expect.

*BCGS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>

e. Library Committee:

* The library made a small amount of money on the books for sale for a donation at the last meeting.

* Sue selected a book in memory of Ted Gump, a long time member and auctioneer.

8. Unfinished Business

*Encouraging members to work together in partners to fulfill some positions is an option.

*Pegge still needs more help with refreshments. Kathryn will help set up for the potluck. Volunteers are needed for the clean up.

9. New Business

*Nominations for new officers. Linda Olsen will not be continuing as secretary in 2019.

*Continue the process of new and renewed memberships for 2019.

*The Board voted in favor of George purchasing a new replacement computer.

10. Other

Kathryn brought a sample copy of the “Beginning Genealogy” packet to use for new members who are new to genealogy.

Connie is working on an information page of frequently asked questions about how our society works to accompany the “Beginning Genealogy” packet when needed.

11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary