

Benton County Genealogy Society  
P.O. Box 1646  
Philomath, OR 97370  
Wednesday September 5, 2018  
The Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm

## Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** George called the meeting to order at 12:40pm. Those attending: George, Kathryn, Lois, Linda, Connie and Sue
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the June 6, 2018, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
3. **President**
  - a. The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday October 10, 2018
  - b. The next General Meeting will be Saturday October 13, 2018.
  - c. George will bring the wireless portable PA system
  - d. The schedule for the General Meeting, Gathering Together, and Book Sale was discussed.
4. **Past President**
5. **Vice President** - Kathryn Moss and others have been working on the new member packet. Discussion also developed around a "Welcome to BCGS" general information sheet which would include information about volunteer possibilities, the writing class, BCGS website, and activities such as the December Holiday Auction.

### 6. Programs - Linda Olsen

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## Programs Scheduled for 2018

- September 8:** Gathering **Back together** and **Book Sale**.  
**October 13:** Sandra Potter will present a program about **Women in World War II**  
**November 10:** Douglas Sackinger will present a program about **How to Read Maps**  
**December 8:** Annual **Holiday Auction** and **Potluck**

### 2019

- January 12:** Ted Cox will speak about his book **Murray Loop** and writing techniques (not confirmed)  
**February 9:** TBA  
**March 9:** Ann Smart will demonstrate basic functions of **Rootsmagic** and talk about recent updates.  
**April 13:** Pam Vestal will talk about **Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret**
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### 7. Committee Reports

- a. **Membership:** Connie reported that we have 65 memberships. She also talked about making sure we give enough information when we ask for volunteers. New members especially do not know what the various responsibilities are for specific volunteer jobs.
- b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:** Lois reported our current balance is \$6,141.69.  
Lois is checking with Irene about the possibility of a cleaning service for the Annex and will also ask about having a sign made listing the days and times the BCGS Library is open. The sign would be posted in the porch area of the Annex.

c. Publications: Web, Newsletter

\*Published Book Sales:

\* Webmaster: George – Updates --

[www.bcgs-oregon.org](http://www.bcgs-oregon.org) George has Installed Rootsmagic as well as Legacy on the BCGS Library computers.

\*Newsletter: Ann Bateman is now our new newsletter editor. Thanks Ann!!

\*BCGS Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>  
Sue has decided not to continue the BCGS Facebook page. A new volunteer is needed.

e. Library Committee:

\*Sue and other librarians will meet Friday to arrange the books for the book sale at the Annex.

\*Refreshments will be served in the church social hall during the Gathering Together time following the General Meeting since all the tables in the Annex will be covered with books for sale.

\*Sue reported the survey results on the BCGS Library usage: Comments were complementary with a few suggestions. Ways to improve the library space and arrangement especially in the upstairs area were discussed.

\*Asking a librarian for help finding research materials needs to be encouraged, especially for new members.

## 8. Unfinished Business

We need more volunteers to be involved in our organization for us to function properly.

## 9. New Business

## 10. Other

\* Linda talked about the scheduled programs for 2018-2019 and future program possibilities.

\* Linda submitted the society information to be published in OUR TOWN.

\* Lois made a sign-up sheet asking for volunteers to write a program review. A volunteer may choose one month to write a program review.

\* Lois also brought a copy of a quarterly publication, Ancestors West, from the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society. An article in this book is about the Helm-Hout House at 844 SW 5<sup>th</sup> St., Corvallis. It all started with a research request and Lois is given credit for the photograph of the Helm-Hout house and information the author used in the article.

## 11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary