

MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD
FOR MONDAY, APRIL 6, ~~1998~~ 1998

The meeting opened at 7:08 at the home of Damaris Reynolds.

Members present: Gene Kelsey, Ken Beilman, Charlene and David Kribs, Gene Newcomb, Jean Grube, Ed Stratton, Janice Barclay, Dorothy Burt, Damaris Reynolds
Danell Aukerman

As the Secretary was absent, no minutes of the previous meeting were available.

Program Chairman, Ken Bielman reported that attorney Gretchen Morris will present a program at the Saturday meeting on genealogical information to be found in court records. Input was requested as to what members would like covered. The May program will be Clovis Davis speaking on 19th century photography.

Charlene Kribs will alert one of her stand-by refreshment providers to provide refreshments at Saturday's meeting, as Mabelle Martsching is recovering from hospitalization and surgery.

Gene Newcomb, Treasurer, reported that the society has about \$1800 in the bank, plus that in the money market fund. We spent about \$140 more than earned the past month because of submission of the newsletter bill.

Jean Grube, Librarian: No new books this month. An item in the newsletter thanks volunteer librarians and requests that cards be put back in returned books. There is also an item about the May garage sale, proceeds of which will be a donation of appreciation to the Benton County Historical Society and Museum building fund. We must emphasize the fact that we are holding the garage sale.

Damaris Reynolds showed a flyer from Hendersons advertising special copying prices for seniors.

The book committee has not met recently. A suggestion was made that we might look on the internet for special sales on books.

There were no queries to Mabelle. Danell got a few on the internet and passed them on to Ed Stratton.

Danell Aukerman reported that we now have 163 members--37 of them with e-mail addresses. Letters will be sent to those members who have not renewed. Her LBCC beginners genealogy class has 18 signed up. There are only 4 persons registered for her internet class, which starts in 4 weeks.

Past member Lulu Magdefrau passed away this week.

Danell and GERALYN Barry and her husband will go to Salem on Saturday to visit with a man who is writing a grant proposal to acquire equipment to copy WPA documents at the State Library so that they may be put on the internet. Work stations will be set up around the state, equipped with copy machines, scanners, etc. Danell reported that the Benton County WPA project is proceeding smoothly, but she needs typists. There are over 2600 pages, of which about 1/3 have been transcribed and proofed.

It was suggested that there be an item in the newsletter about the 1910 Oregon census, which is now available on microfilm. The society has purchased one reel for the local library, but there are many more.

Ed Stratton reported on the newsletter. Also that the 3.5 Paradox has been installed and Betty Vogel is now entering the extractions from the Corvallis newspapers. Ed will set up a new schedule for those society members wishing to participate in this microfilm reading and extraction.

Gene Kelsey is working to set up the society web page. ^{Gene and} Danell and Dorothy will help him. ^{has taken over from Danell}

^{on the GenWeb Benton County Page.} There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48. The next board meeting will be on the 4th of May.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary pro tem