

BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of Board Meeting, April 3, 2000

Those present were Dave Kribs, Margaret Hays, Leila Crawford, Gene Newcomb, Jean Grube, Mabelle Martching, Janice Barclay, Damaris Reynolds, Bill Gleaves, Charlene Talbot.

Leila Crawford reported that we presently have 128 paid memberships.

Gene Newcomb gave the treasurer's report, stating that this month we spent \$82.11 over income.

Bill Gleaves has the speaker on Fort Hoskins lined up for May. A discussion was held on possible groups for the April meeting. Arrangements were made to show a VCR tape on advanced research in the church parlor. Other suggestions for group possibilities were New England, Internet and computer, and Civil War. It was decided that Oregon research would not be of interest to anyone in our group, as we almost all came from elsewhere. Bill Gleaves said he would call Danell Aukerman and ask if she would lead the internet discussion. Mabelle Martsching pointed out that the Fort Hoskins speaker tends to go on and on, and Bill Gleaves said he would be ready to close the discussion at twelve o'clock.

New books for the library are to be listed in the newsletter. It was remarked that the National Archives prices may be going up. Bill Gleaves says all government prices appear to be going up.

A reminder of the May garage sale is to be in the newsletter and a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the Saturday general meeting. Emily Dashiell is contributing a kit for making a Victorian dollhouse, and there was a discussion on how much to charge for it.

Internet genealogy frauds were talked about.

Regarding queries, Mabelle Martsching is listed as a source on the Benton County Genealogical pages. She got a call from Spokane, WA and was able to fulfill the query. She reported on Olivers and Starrs.

Bill Gleaves talked about the book he is updating -- the aviation history of Benton County and told how he came by the manuscript to begin with.

Leila Crawford had a new membership list ready to distribute.

The newsletter is ready to go. Janice Barclay, one of the two editors says she feels it should contain something educational each month.

The question again came up regarding newsprinters printing identification with each

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obituary, and was again tabled.

Gene Newcomb reported that members of the Historical Museum staff will be busy working to convert the new space in downtown Corvallis. Judy Juntanen would like to pass off the genealogical work to some volunteers from the Society. There are apparently dropins during the summer who want to find out something about their ancestors in Benton County. It was discussed whether she might do training. Also Damaris Reynolds mentioned that a volunteer is needed to input information about museum acquisitions. Nothing was resolved about any of this.

The May 8th meeting is scheduled to be at the home of Ken Bielman.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Talbot, secretary pro tem