

Minutes of the Benton County Genealogical Board Meeting: April 26, 2004.

The meeting took place at the home of Ken Bielman, and was called to order at 7:15 pm. Board members present were: Danell Aukerman, Bill Gleaves, Gene Newcomb, Tonya Rawie, Teri Green, and Ken Bielman.

Secretary: No minutes from the previous meeting were available.

Treasurers Report: The bank balance as of April 23, 2004 is \$3917.66.

Programs:

June: Potluck and paperback book sale

September: Show and Tell

Bill reported that he's trying to make contact with an individual who has done Aremenian research. He is also still hoping to schedule Dr. Holcomb for next fall.

Hostess: No report.

Librarian: New books.

"Register of Soldiers and Sailors of the War of 1812" is on the shelf. It includes the original 1972 version and a 1989 update.

Publishing: No report

Queries: No report

Book Committee: No report

Membership: Tonya reported we have 152 members. There was a miscount at the last general meeting.

Newsletter: Teri reported that the Museum will no longer be able to accommodate us with copying facilities as of July. A new location will need to be found to do the copying and mailing preparation.

Service Projects:

WPA: nothing new.

Obituaries: Nothing new.

Surname: Danell reported the index will be ready for the book faire. It was also decided to rename the surname file as "The BCGS Ancestor File" to better represent the true content of the file. Tonya will provide a brief explanation of how to save Gedcoms in the next newsletter.

Old Business:

Book Faire: Flyers are being put up around the communitites. Bill will have our Society sign completed in time for the book faire. The sign up sheet still has some volunteer slots available. The Lebanon Soceity will be donating supplies for coffee. Refreshments, other than coffee and tea, will not be served, but a list of Philomath eateries will be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Tonya Rawie, Membership Chair.

New Business:

Subscriptions: Heritage Quest magazine has been resurrected as a quarterly. BCGS will have two more issues on the current subscription. The publisher has asked us to renew for one year before Dec. 31 to receive a free book. The matter was referred to Damaris and the book committee.

Ancestor File: Tonya voiced the concerns of a member regarding access to personal information in the Ancestor file. The Board discussed the issue of disclosure and it was decided that this issue needs to be discussed further and a clear policy needs to be formulated.

Christmas Auction: The issue of whether or not the auction should continue in the future was discussed. The majority opinion is that it should, but that the Society needs to promote it and the need for raffle items.

Programs: Dave introduced the topic of using video tapes as a backup for programs that are cancelled at the last minute.

Membership renewals: This month only members who have not renewed will receive a copy of the renewal form in their newsletter. It was suggested that this procedure be used in future to free up space in the newsletter.

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