

Benton County Genealogy Society
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Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2015
10:00 AM - noon Philomath Library

1. **Call to Order:** Ron called the meeting to order at 10:07am. Those attending: Ron, Katie, Faye, Linda, Lois, and Sue
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the March 10, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by those members present.
3. **President**
 - a. All UPC food labels have been turned in. Ron will ask members at the General Meeting if anyone would like to take over this society project. If no one volunteers, then this small fund raiser will not be continued. Gene Newcomb has collected and submitted the labels for many years as a fund raiser for our society and is no longer interested in continuing. It is not as profitable as it once was.
 - b. Danell will forward a non-profit document for us to review.
 - c. Family history beginner classes
 1. Ron located a church in Philomath willing to let us use a room if we need to hold a class someplace else besides the Annex or church social hall.
 2. Times were discussed. No specific decision was made except that holding a class during a usual Saturday program time would fulfill a need for a program and a class.
 3. Content: Danell has agreed to teach a one or two hour class. Many ideas were discussed. (Continued under New Business)
4. **Past President** No report
5. **Vice President/Programs**
 - *April's program will be about German Research with LeAnne Trask as speaker.
 - *May's program will feature Mary Dean Snelling speaking about "How to Plan a Research Trip."
 - *June will be our annual potluck.
 - *September will be a show and tell time or perhaps focus on writing classes.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Membership:** Ron estimated that we have about 56 members including several complimentary memberships.
 - b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:** Lois reported that we are almost at the \$1000 mark budgeted for membership income. She passed around the treasurer's spread sheet for review. Our current balance is \$4,756.89.
Lois will substitute for Connie at the sign-in table at Saturday's General Meeting and program.
 - c. **Publications Committee:** Web, Book sales, Newsletter, Brochures/Posters
 - *Book sales: Sue reported that Judy Juntunen had ordered a replacement book: **Polk County Pioneers** by Shirley O'Neil.

*Newsletter: Brad is no longer available to do our BCGS Newsletter and Ron has taken on the newsletter responsibility. Ron asked for feedback on his newsletter content. More local content was suggested and keeping up the good mix of "something for everyone", notification of workshops and conferences to many genealogical web sites.

* Webmaster: Linda and Ron Olsen will be making updates to the web site soon.

*BCGS Facebook page. We need to know how to better utilize this social media.

d. **Library Committee:**

*Sue has added two new books to the library:

Family Tree Problem Solver and Genetic Genealogy: The Basics and Beyond.

*The next Library Committee meeting will be held on May 5th from 1 - 3pm at the Annex.

*June 5th [later changed to June 12th] will be the next library inventory. Sue will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers at Saturday's General meeting and program.

*Sue is putting together a notebook titled "Various Checklists and Information for Copying".

This white notebook will be stored in the locked hall closet in the Annex. [Later changed to the top of the vertical file in the library.] Masters are to be kept in this white notebook.

7. **Unfinished Business:**

Discussion continued on potential classes we might offer.

8. **New Business**

More specific ideas about class offerings emerged through discussion.

1. A class on writing about genealogical topics and family history appears to be the most valuable and widely appealing type of class to offer.
2. Presenting a writing class as a program could interest members enough to want more classes.
3. The initial writing class could then be followed up with more classes/workshops.
4. The classes offered would be free to members and the general community.
5. The classes would need to be heavily advertised.
6. Faye will develop a survey to determine interest from the membership.

Unless volunteers are more forthcoming, the Board members will most likely be the teachers or presenters.

9. **Other**

We will continue publishing the BCGS web page URL and Benton County GenWeb page in the General Meeting minutes as space allows.

10. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary