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Tuesday April 5, 2016

The Philomath Library 10:00am to noon

1. **Call to Order:** Ron called the meeting to order at 10:10am. Those attending: Ron, Lois, Linda, Connie, Ron Olsen, and George Davidson.

2. **Minutes:** Copies of the March 8, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.

3. **President**

a. Ron introduced Ron Olsen who gave an update on the progress of our new society web site. [www.bcgs-oregon.org](http://www.bcgs-oregon.org) See handout attached.

b. Ron (president) is willing to put together a quick program in case of cancellation:

**"Family History Useable Tech"** including:

\* Dragon/voice to text, with Bluetooth mic, can walk on treadmill or about the house.

\* Digital recorder applications, including download to Dragon.

\* Shotbox for pictures of documents, for 3D mementos (use with ipad/cell phone cameras).

\* FlipPal digital scanner, etc.

c. Ron asked whether the BCGS Writer's Group would be willing to submit stories for the newsletter.

d. Ron is looking at homes in Utah for his impending relocation in the near future. Selecting a new society president is crucial.

4. **Past President** - Faye

5. **Vice President/Programs** (carried over from previous minutes)

April: Writing Group: Sue V., Maridee and Sharon Waldman "Gathering Our Stories"

May: DAR with Carla Frances and Jane Buck

June: Annual BCGS potluck

**Summer Break for July and August**

September: Show and Tell, all members

October: TBA

November: Family Research by Mary Gallagher

December: Holiday Auction and potluck

6. **Committee Reports**

a. **Membership:** Connie announced that 51 memberships have been received. She reported that the Santiam and Flav-R-Pac labels have been submitted for this year.

b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:** Lois reported that our current balance is \$5,161.89, and that we are ahead by about \$400.

c. **Publications:** Web, Newsletter

\*Published Book Sales:

\* **Webmaster:** Linda and Ron Olsen –

Ron Olsen spoke about the progress made on the new society web site at

Ron and Linda Olsen will continue checking for omissions and corrections to the new web site.

David Devon, web master for Linn County Genealogical Society, is willing to help Ron Olsen

complete a new society web site using WordPress software that was begun by Danell Aukerman a

few years ago. This new society web site will be similar in design to the LCGS web site. David Devon is willing to train others how to use WordPress to maintain the new web site.

**\*Newsletter**

Please send newsletter submissions to Ron (president) for publication.

**Examples:** articles on family research, family history stories you have written, upcoming conferences or conferences you have attended. See Ron's e-mail in each newsletter.

**\*BCGS Facebook page.**

<https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>

See updated program information on our facebook page.

**e. Library Committee:**

\*Connie reported that a box of "Family Tree" magazines was donated to the library. These are being sorted and duplicates will be offered to our membership.

\*Lois designed a new sign-in form for the BCGS Library to be used for visitors/non-members.

**7. Unfinished Business**

Discussion about the direction of the new BCGS web site clarified the updates that Ron Olsen spoke about. (See handout attached) A motion was made and passed to transition our current Rootsweb web site to the new WordPress web site that Ron and Linda Olsen will continue to work on with David Devin to complete.

**8. New Business**

**9. Other**

Upcoming events:

1. Bend Genealogical Society: speaker Lisa Louise Cooke, spring seminar on April 23, 2016.
2. Summer Genealogy Fest: Lane Community College, Eugene July 30, 2016.
3. The LDS Family Fair has been postponed.

George Davidson, a former BCGS member and now a current member, attended the Board Meeting today. He has computer experience and is the web master for the King family at [www.Kingfolk.co](http://www.Kingfolk.co) George Davidson has donated two refurbished computers to our society.

**10. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary

## April 5, 2016, BCGS Board Meeting Preview on Web page Update

### Background Information:

David Devin, Linn County Genealogical Society webmaster, pays \$90/year to Host Monster for the hosting service that he uses for LCGS and half a dozen more organizations. He has offered to host BCGS website.

Danell Aukerman had a plan to move the Pioneer Data Base and the BCGS web pages to Devin's host and got a pretty good start on it several years ago. You can see our new "work in progress" pages at [www.bcfgs-oregon.org](http://www.bcfgs-oregon.org)

Early in March our current **BCGS society website** <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs> and the **Benton County Gen Web website** <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/> were offline for about a week. We were not sure if they would come back so that led us to talk to David and try to get up to speed on Danell's work. Ron & Ron met with David Devin at the Linn County Genealogical Society housed at the Linn County Library.

David has offered to be the web master for BCGS with a couple of conditions. Sounds like he is very busy with his job and various organizations he is helping.

LCGS web site is <http://www.lgsoregon.org/> and I imagine if we give Devin free rein, our site will be similar to their design. They have ambitious goals. One example is they have three people that add current obits from the Democrat-Herald to their web pages using WordPress on a weekly basis.

I had lunch with David on 3/28 and he was planning to start updating so we will get a feel for how this would work.

Linda and I wanted to update the board and hear any concerns you might have about going forward.

by Ron Olsen  
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