Minutes from the Board Meeting of the Benton County Genealogical Society 1 December 2003 at the home of Damaris Reynolds.

President Danell Aukerman called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Those present were: Danell Aukerman, Bill Gleaves, Gene Newcomb, Damaris Reynolds, Margaret Hays, Mabelle Martsching and Tonya Rawie.

There were no minutes read from the previous meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

See attached for complete breakdown and budget.

The current checking account balance is \$1265.90 2821.09

Current savings account balance is

\$4086.99 Total

Programs:

The December program is the annual Christmas Party and auction. January's program is about the uniforms and equipment of the Lewis and Clark Expedition presented by the Oregon National Guard.

Hostess:

Everything is scheduled.

Librarian:

No report

Publishing:

No report

Book Committee:

The Society has been invited to join the New England Historical and Genealogical Society for the institutional fee of \$150. The Library does not have internet access and cannot take full advantage of the invitation at this time.

The Committee has purchased a new cd-rom: SAR Revolutionary War Grave Register. It will be available in the library soon.

The Library will be closed on December 23 and 30

Queries:

Mary Elizabeth Sensibaugh Peters, died in Lobster Valley in 1905.

Membership:

Currently 166 members. Dues for the current year are due in January.

New Business

A transcript of obituaries published in the Benton Bulletin has been donated to the Society from a source in Albany.

The VA is doing a project to index graves and is seeking volunteers.

The Benton County Pioneer Database has been updated as of November 16, 2003. It can be viewed at http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=benton

The January Board Meeting will be at Damaris' home on December 29, 2003.

One table has already been reserved at the May Book Fair. Shirley Pollack will be selling her historic postcards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tonya Rawie