

Minutes of the Benton County Genealogical Society Board Meeting
December 27, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President elect Bill Gleaves at 7:08 pm. Board members in attendance were: Margaret Hays, Dave Kribs, Gene Newcomb, Tonya Rawie, Teri Greene and Damaris Reynolds.

No minutes from the previous meeting were available.

Treasurer's Report (Gene Newcomb)

Current balance as of Dec. 27 is \$4300.20. Checks were written this week to cover rent expenses for 2005.

Programs (Dave Kribs)

January: Judy Juntunen on Crystal Lake Cemetery
February: John Baker on Prisoners of War at Camp Adair
March, April and May are pending
June will be the annual potluck and recreational book sale

Hostess (Margaret Hays)

One person is still needed to bring cookies for the May general meeting.

Book Committee (Damaris Reynolds)

A cd on DNA testing and research has been ordered.

Membership (Tonya Rawie)

There are currently 161 members. 45 people have not yet renewed for 2004/2005.

Newsletter (Teri Greene)

Teri is always looking for new material to be included.

No reports from the following: Librarian, Library scheduling, Queries, Publishing and Historian.

Service Projects:

WPA: no report
Obits: work is progressing on the next addendum
Ancestor File: one new submission was added at the last general meeting.
DLC Map: no report

Old Business:

Budget: Gene requested permission to amend the budget to reflect the actual intake from the Christmas Auction. A motion was made, seconded and the Board approved the motion.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tonya Rawie, Membership Chair