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Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 27, 2010
3:00 pm, Philomath Community Library,
1050 Applegate, Philomath, OR 97370

A. Call to Order:

Margaret called the meeting to order at 3:04pm

B. Minutes:

Copies of the November 29, 2010, minutes were distributed, reviewed and approved with a correction to the spelling of a name.

C. Committee Reports:

1. President

Margaret encouraged discussion about plans to fill the vacant vice-president and treasurer officer positions, and how to pay the bills and how to continue providing great programs. Increasing membership is a long term goal whereas our immediate need is to provide a viable organization.

2. Past President

3. Vice President/Programs

Margaret reviewed the programs for the next several months: January's program presenter will be Don Ferguson of Shadowsmith Photographics. After the meeting he will be available for questions after the meeting. February's program will be Round Table Discussion Groups on a variety of topics such as Irish research, English research, DNA, Google Research, Breaking Down Brick Walls and more. In March we will view a DVD program about "Coming of Age" showing what the future of Family Search will look like.

4. Treasurer/Finance Committee

Sandra reported that there are currently 54 memberships representing 72 individuals. Gene reported the income and expenses for his last time as treasurer. Our balance is \$4, 307.37. However, several bills were in the process of being paid before the end of the year. Gene is willing to assist whoever will be stepping into the treasurer position.

5. Publication Committee

Earle announced that all the Shirley O'Neil books are sold and that he had published several other books as replacements and feels we are in good shape.

Linda shared a survey of other genealogy society web pages, specifically listing their membership dues and query fees for comparison with our fees. After a discussion of various web page changes, Linda will make the following updates to our BCGS web page:

1. Update the membership dues statement to include the \$20 fee for members who request their newsletter be mailed rather than e-mailed.
2. Update the research statement to read: a \$10 fee for each ½ hour of research will be charged plus 25 cents per each photocopy plus postage. Listing a few examples of questions to ask that we can help with and example questions that we cannot help with will be added.

3. Update the reduced cost of the WPA Church records book from \$35 to \$30.
Add the Shirley O'Neil books: Benton Co. Pioneer and Polk Co. Pioneers to our books for sale list.
4. Add a statement about members receiving a 10% discount on BCGS books they purchase.
5. Add a statement about charging non-members \$5 for each use of our library.
6. Add the current By-Laws to our BCGS web page.

6. **Library Committee**

Grace reported that the new 2011 Library shelf list will be available soon. The Library Committee will address the storage of many boxes of masters for the books we publish.

7. **Audit Committee**

8. **Other**

D. **Unfinished Business**

1. After much discussion and sharing, plans to fill our officer positions are as follows:
Gene will ask Dean Johnson if he is interested in the treasurer position. If not, then Judy Juntunen who expressed an interest will be asked if she would take on the treasurer position.
Susan will be asked if she would continue scheduling programs.
It was moved and seconded to add a Program Committee, thereby distributing the responsibilities to several individuals. A few future program topics such as DNA, Veterans, and cemeteries were generated as the discussion developed
Distributing responsibilities within committees was suggested.

2. Questions about several policies were addressed:

How dues are set: The Board of Directors is the decision making body and decides the amount of dues. Any society member is welcome to attend board meetings at any time.

Unsatisfactory job performance: It should be a part of the job description that it is necessary for board members to attend meetings and perform their duties as expected. Failure to perform the job will result in replacement. In the event of death or illness of a board member, the matter will be presented to the members and a replacement made as soon as possible.

Voting: Voting will occur as stated in the By-Laws: "either mailed in or hand delivered" and received by the December meeting.

One or two signers on checks: One signer on checks is still sufficient.

E. **New Business**

1. Gene suggested changing banks to one that would better accommodate our needs. Gene will check out changing our BCGS account to the OSU Credit Union.

F. **Adjournment at 5:00pm**

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary