

Tuesday December 8, 2015
The Philomath Library 10:00am to noon

1. **Call to Order:** Ron called the meeting to order at 10:12am. Those attending: Ron, Linda, Sue, and Connie.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the November 10, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
3. **President - Ron**
 - a. Next meetings:
 - *The Board Meeting will be held on January 5, 2016, at the Philomath Library 10:00am-noon
 - *The General Meeting will be held on January 9, 2016, in the church social hall 10:00-11:00am
 - b. Officers needed: Elections will be held at the December General Meeting.
 - *President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary
 - *The current officers and volunteers will continue if no one else volunteers.
 - *Historian & Photographer need to be appointed. Sue will contact Maridee Symons about becoming the Historian and Photographer.
 - c. Ballots will be available at the December General Meeting and were printed in the December newsletter. Sue will bring extra copies of the ballots to the General Meeting.
4. **Past President - Faye**
5. **Vice President/Programs**
 - *Our annual December holiday auction and potluck will be held during our program time.
 - *Helping Katie set up the room for the auction was discussed.
 - *Helping set up the Annex for the potluck is also appreciated.
 - *Having a speaker from the DAR could be an interesting future program presentation; other ideas for programs may come from the program surveys that Katie distributed at the last meeting.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Membership: Connie announced that 30 renewing memberships have been received.
 - *Connie will check with Lois about printing a few extra newsletters for guests, she will bring membership forms to the General Meeting, and the number cards used for the auction.
 - *Connie's husband, John, has made a new storage box for the name tags.
 - *The several life memberships were discussed. Connie will attach a note to the next mailed copies of their newsletter asking if they would like a digital copy instead of a printed copy. As it is now, we have no way to recoup the expense of a mailed newsletter when the life membership fee has been used up.
 - b. Treasurer/Finance Committee:
 - *The last report was a net positive balance. Additional income was \$480.
 - *Connie will add a date of completion on the already approved 2014-2015 Audit.
 - c. Publications: Web, Newsletter
 - *Published Book Sales:
Sue and Judy inventoried the society published books for sale. Some need to be replenished, however the discs containing the digital copies of the published books are missing. Original paper

copies exist, but making copies from the digital images are more efficient. Eventually updating our web page to allow downloading the various published books for sale was discussed.

* Webmaster: Linda and Ron Olsen:

Updating our society web page was discussed. Board members will contact resource people in the community who may help find a way to redesign our web site. Possible contacts discussed: Philomath High School Senior Project supervisors, LBCC student web page designer supervisors, Philomath Chamber of Commerce, Philomath City Manager, other BCGS members.

*Newsletter

Send newsletter submissions to Ron for publication. Examples: articles of family research, stories of the area, upcoming conferences. See his e-mail in the newsletter.

*BCGS Facebook page.

Sue received a message on Facebook from the Netherlands requesting information on a military man, Maynard Clifton, who died in the Netherlands. Sue's research revealed an article with a photo which made the inquirer extremely happy. She will write an article about this journey for the newsletter. The possibility of submitting this great human interest story to the Philomath Express and the Corvallis Gazette Times was discussed.

e. Library Committee: Sue

*Sue will follow up with Earle Greig about volunteering at the library.

*Sue reported the writing group is doing very well. The next meeting will be in January.

7. Unfinished Business

Succession and transition process: Linda will follow up with Jeri Kimmel to see if she is interested in becoming our society President. Working with Ron for awhile to learn the responsibilities of the presidency may be a good idea for a smooth transition.

A second request is to ask her if she would recommend someone from the DAR to be a speaker on January 9, 2016.

*Using Lois' review of Don Anderson's presentation in the November newsletter was approved to fulfill his request for an endorsement.

8. New Business

*Linda read a statement from Earle Greig thanking our society in advance for the use of our library on June 25, 2016, for a tour as part of the activities scheduled for the King Family Reunion. He indicated that he would propose a donation be made to our society following the reunion. He also offered to be in the library as a volunteer helper.

*Having two people to collect proceeds from the auction, as suggested, certainly would speed up the process.

9. Other

Other societies' newsletters were discussed. There is very little interest in other societies' newsletters and usually not worth printing them or storing them in the library.

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary