

Benton County Genealogy Society
P.O. Box 1646
Philomath, OR 97370
Tuesday December 6, 2016
The Philomath Library 10:00am to noon

Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Ron called the meeting to order at 10:07am. Those attending: Ron, Sue, Linda, Connie, Lois and George.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the November 8, 2016, minutes were distributed by e-mail and accepted as corrected by those members present. Correction: "Sue and her husband purchased and replaced the broken lock....." to "Sue and her husband replaced the broken lock....."
3. **President**
 - a. Congratulations and thanks to George for volunteering to be president plus web master.
 - b. The Post Office key will be given to Connie.
 - c. Linda will hand out copies of the Program Survey Form at the General Meeting.
 - d. Voting, counting ballots, and announcing officers for 2017 will take place on Saturday.
 - e. Ron will be Past President after the January 2017 General Meeting.
 - f. Ron will compose the Board and General Meetings agendas for January.
 - g. George will take over the February 2017 Board and General Meetings agendas.
 - h. Ron will continue the BCGS Newsletter for an undefined (not short) season but can step away at any time the Board desires.

4. **Past President - Faye**

5. **Vice President - Katie**

6. **Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons**

December: Holiday Auction and Potluck

January 2017: Judy Juntunen will speak on the unique qualities of Camp Polk Cemetery near Sisters, Oregon.

February 2017: George Davidson will demonstrate the new BCGS web site and Legacy, a genealogy software.

Potential Programs for 2017:

Hannah Allan agreed to present a program in May. "History for the Genealogist & How to Use Historical Societies - Putting the history in your family history." Need to confirm.

Don Anderson agreed to present a program in the early spring. No date set.

Sharon Waldman was mentioned as a speaker on writing. Under discussion.

Sharing collections: member participation required. Under discussion.

Keith Pyeatt, a GFO member - Ron will make initial contact.

Sue mentioned having a speaker who could talk about house architecture, knowing what to look for as in what may have been remodeled over time.

7. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Membership:** Connie reported that we have 30 memberships. Connie will bring membership forms to the General Meeting.
- b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:** Lois reported that our balance is \$5,734.83. Large expenditures are due for the space we use in the church social hall and the Annex.
- c. **Publications: Web, Newsletter**
*Published Book Sales:

* Webmaster: George – Updates

George has posted 42 BCGS Newsletters so far on our new web site at www.bcfgs-oregon.org

*Newsletter

Send newsletter submissions to Ron DeYoung for publication.

*BCGS Facebook page. See us on Facebook.

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

e. Library Committee: Sue

*Sue announced the librarians have sorted and organized the many journals and magazines in our library and displayed them where they are more visible. For now, most of them will be kept. Those journals and magazines not used may eventually be discarded.

*Duplicate books from our library will be offered for sale at the Holiday Auction on Saturday.

8. Unfinished Business

Voting for new officers will take place at the December General Meeting December 10, 2016.

Results will be read at the General Meeting.

President - George Davidson

Vice President - Kathryn Moss

Treasurer - Lois Courtney

Secretary - Linda Olsen

Librarian - Sue Van Laere

Membership - Connie Patterson

9. New Business

Offering a beginner genealogy class was a topic which grew into a discussion about offering an Open House and tour of our library and then offering beginner genealogy classes. The Open House and eventually beginner classes could be advertised through the Corvallis Gazette Times and the Philomath Express.

10. Other

*Connie will find out who to contact at the church to determine WIFI availability in the social hall.

*George will check on a portable microphone speaker system, maybe rent one.

*Ron will contact Keith Pyeatt as a potential speaker.

*Using the Moreland Auditorium at the Benton County Historical Museum for our speakers is limited.

*Sue will follow up with Irene about posting a small sign outside the Annex with the days and times the BCGS Library is open.

*Linda will write/update program committee guidelines.

*The refreshments committee also needs written guidelines.

11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary