

Minutes of the BCGS Board Meeting  
February 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Margaret Fox.

Present: Damaris Reynolds, Gene Newcomb, Dean Johnson, Bill Gleaves, Margaret Fox, Sandy P otter, Teri Greene, Susan Hayes, Grace Maddux. Guest: Mary Dean Snelling.

Margaret circulated a get-well card for Leila Crawford.

**Minutes** of the last meeting were not available.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance as of January 31 was \$3549.82. Major expenses in January were payment of yearly rent for Annex (\$400) and meeting place (\$200). Major income was payment of dues (\$252) and library income (\$118.81).

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: Sandy reported that there were (54 sic) 57 memberships at present, with number of members at (72 sic) 73 (there is more than one person per membership)

Programs: Susan outlined upcoming programs--

February 13 – Heraldry – Jonathan Hayes (Susan's husband)

March 13 – Preserving Family History – Scott McArthur

April 10 – Raffle and program: Civil War in Oregon, by Col. Steven Betschart

May 8 – OSU Archives – Larry Landis

June 12 – Picnic

September 11 – Show and Tell

October 9 – Tour of OSU Archives

November 13 – Open

December 11 – Auction and Potluck

Library: Grace reported that there are two new books and two donated by Damaris.

Book Committee: Damaris has sent a letter of resignation to Margaret. Damaris has contributed a great deal to the committee and to the Society as a whole in her many years of membership. She will no longer be able to host the meetings at her home.

Newsletter: Teri reminded us that she is in need of articles; Walter Merrill continues to help with typing, which is critical for Teri. Her email is still with AOL.

Hospitality: Dean said all was in order; Grace will bring cookies for the Feb 13 meeting, in place of Leila Crawford.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Committees: Margaret passed out a list of committees for information.

2. By-laws: Margaret passed out copies of current by-laws. Each of us will look them over for our committee and propose revisions as needed.

3. Research Records: Records accumulated over years of research for queries (& personal research) may soon be available for the society as Mabelle Martsching's health has deteriorated and she has moved from her house to a care facility. Her nephew is clearing out her house and has said the society &/or the museum will receive her records. They will need to be sorted. [the name is to be kept confidential]

4. Library open in evenings – tabled for next meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Linn County GS: Announcement of sale of bricks in Heritage Wall for \$100 each; notice will be put in newsletter.

2. Oregon Cultural Trust: Mary Dean Snelling presented information about the Trust and how BCGS could become part of the Trust's list of qualified organizations. The first step is to become a non-profit, 501c3 organization, as recognized by the IRS (a one-time fee of either \$200 or \$400). This requires filing of Articles of Incorporation with the state, also a fee. There are requirements for yearly filings as well. Mary Dean left her information with Margaret. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

3. General Meetings: Susan had questions about the number of programs in a year. After discussion, it was decided that the April meeting would include a program with the raffle; June would continue to be a general meeting followed by the potluck; September meeting would continue as Show & Tell (but try to be more organized); December would continue as auction and holiday party.

4. Board meeting Place: Please send suggestions to Margaret, as we need a place for the March 1 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM  
Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Potter, Secretary *pro tem*