

Benton County Genealogy Society
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Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, Feb 11, 2012
9:00am, Annex, Philomath, OR 97370

A. Call to Order:

Danell called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Those attending: Danell, Faye, Grace, Ellen, Mary Jo, Linda, Nancy, Margaret, and Earle

B. Minutes:

The January 7, 2012, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present with the following correction:

D. Unfinished Business:

The alarm system for the Annex was discussed. Margaret explained the museum's security system which covers the museum complex including the Annex. (Sentence omitted here) The Annex does not have a fire suppression system. (Added) In 1997, Bill Gleaves researched the cost of insurance for the Annex. At that time, the cost was \$500 per year. It was the general consensus that \$500 was too expensive.

C. Committee Reports:

1. President

The board approved reimbursing Mary Jo for the purchase of the card last month for Margaret.

2. Past President

The board approved giving a gift certificate to Bill Gleaves for his years of service to the society.

3. Vice President/Programs

Faye has organized small group discussions on a variety of genealogical topics for our February program, giving an opportunity for input from the participants. The March program will feature Beth Lambright who will speak on the Mayflower and descendants. An Open House highlighting our society is a possibility for April, and May's program will be a presentation by Steve Morrison on local families of the Bellfountain area. Future program ideas include Emily Aulicino speaking on DNA, and another program idea is an "Ask Granny" senior citizen family tree presentation.

Faye confirmed the amount of budget available for speakers' fees and the board approved the amount needed for the Steve Morrison and Emily Aulicino speakers' fees. Faye will follow up with the necessary arrangements.

Earle offered to spread the news to the Monroe area about Steve Morrison's presentation on local history since descendants of early settlers live near the Monroe and Bellfountain area.

4. Treasurer/Finance Committee

Treasurer: Margaret will make her treasurer's report at the general meeting.
Margaret sent reminder notices to those members who have not paid their dues.

Membership: Mary Jo will make her membership report at the general meeting.
Public Relations

5. Publication Committee

Web page: Nothing new added.

Booksales: Nothing new.

Newsletter

Brochures

Posters: Faye will produce posters to help promote our society programs and e-mail them to members about 10 days prior to our meeting. Members will distribute as many posters as possible around the community.

6. Library Committee

Librarian: Grace has ordered Hidden History of the Civil War in Oregon, and several other books were discussed for possible future purchases. Grace also has a source in Eastern Washington that may give us their genealogy books slated for shredding. Grace will follow up and Mary Jo offered to help transport the books if needed. Ellen distributed copies of the library proposed acquisition policy which will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Library staff: A portion of the upstairs in the Annex will be empty soon and the library staff has selected some of the least used items to be stored upstairs including the computer, disks, maps, and the master paper copies of our society published materials.

Volunteers are needed to build custom made shelving **[Added] or to purchase shelving perhaps from OSU** to make the best use of the upstairs area.

Historian: Nancy brought the last completed society album for members to view. She is beginning a new album to collect the society materials and photos.

Photographer: Faye was complimented for her efforts in providing photos for the society album and newsletter.

7. **Audit Committee** The board agreed that the Audit Committee does not need to be on the agenda every month.

8. Other

Danell requested a list of all members of our Benton County Genealogical Society since its beginning. It was the general consensus that a complete membership list should be preserved. Danell will also try to locate the members' collection of five generation family trees and make it available as a research tool.

D. Unfinished Business

E. New Business

The program titled "Ask Granny" was discussed. Faye and Danell explained this free program offered to senior citizens who would like to write down their family tree. Faye suggested having the "Ask Granny" program as one of our BCGS program offerings and invite ambulatory members of local retirement homes to participate. Another idea discussed was to have a contact person or coordinator from our membership to guide the process. Faye will explore the program further and check on what free materials are provided. Read more about the "Ask Granny" program at <http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art68055.asp>

G. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary