

Benton County Genealogy Society
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Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2015
10:00 AM - Philomath Library

1. **Call to Order:** Katie, acting president today, called the meeting to order at 10:12am. Those attending: Katie, Linda, Lois, Sue, Connie, and Judy.

2. **Minutes:** Copies of the January 6, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail and reviewed and approved by those members present.

3. President

- a. Ron will be absent from the February Board and General meetings to attend Roots Tech
- b. David Utt's offer to help with the website was acknowledged. For now the website data is still being accumulated.
- c. Lois' husband, Jim Birken, offered to speak about planning for posthumous donations. If he is available, he may speak at the General Meeting on Saturday.
- d. A Lifetime gift membership has been sent to Danell with a card to acknowledge her years of service to BCGS.
- e. Grace contacted the Philomath Chamber of Commerce. We could join for a reduced membership fee from \$125 to \$75 unless we could be included under the Benton County Historical Society and Museum "umbrella". She will check and get back to us.
- f. Dana will be contacted about taking on the Philomath Library display case as she did the Corvallis Library display case. If she declines, then it could be offered to someone else. Mary Gallagher has a box of items suitable for a display

4. Past President

5. Vice President/Programs

*February's program will be country specific, small group, break-out sessions featuring UK, Ireland, and Sweden. Members may bring their challenges and brick walls to gain insight from others.

*March's program will feature Emily Aulicino to talk about DNA.

*April's program is scheduled for German Research.

6. Committee Reports

a. **Membership:** Connie reported that we have 36 paid memberships. She will send reminders or contact active members in person. A current membership list is in process.

b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:**

*Lois reviewed our income and expenses. Our current balance is \$4,651.62 .

*Pros and cons of using a PayPal account for payment of BCGS dues will be a continued discussion. The BCHM has a PayPal account.

c. **Publications Committee:** Web, Book sales, Newsletter, Brochures/Posters

*Book Sales: Judy Juntunen has verbally resigned as the BCGS published book sales person. She will compile an inventory of the books for sale before leaving.

*Newsletter: Brad has asked that articles for the newsletter be sent to him. Ron will continue sending newsletter items to Brad also. A discussion developed around the types of newsletter articles that would be appropriate. Several members had ideas and will send Brad articles.

* Web pages: Linda explained that progress has been made to download the web page data from Danell's computer. She and her husband will ensure the security of this data with multiple backups.

*Adding the newsletters to the society web page was discussed.

*Adding information about our fund raisers on the society web page and in the newsletter and possibly the Face Book page was discussed.

Background: Previous fund raiser information stated in past newsletters:

*Our number at the OSU Thrift Shop on Second Street in Corvallis is 492.

*Save your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels. All you need is the UPC symbol from the label but leave some area around the label when you cut it off. Deposit your labels in the white plastic bucket in the BCGS Library closet in the Annex.

Note: (The once a year holiday auction could also be listed as a fund raiser.)

d. BCGS Face Book page: Encourage, support and supply content to Dana Sanchez for her effort on the Face Book page. Also she put together material for the display case at the Corvallis Library.

e. Library Committee: Sue

*There is new lighting in the upstairs library room.

*Susan Hayes donated a printer for use in the BCGS Library.

* The Library committee would like equipment to help clean the library such as a vacuum cleaner or Swiffer Dusters. Volunteers could help maintain a regular cleaning schedule

*Judy gave Sue a disk containing the WPA interviews. This disk will be stored on the Archival shelf in our library.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a. Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) genealogy presentation on January 29, 2015, feedback: Linda briefly reviewed what she, Lois, and Ron presented over the two hour presentation. The feedback from the ALL audience was quite positive and we may gain some new members as the result of this outreach effort.

b. Bob installed a new light fixture in the upstairs library room which is much appreciated. The BCGS Library office lighting will be assessed also.

9. Other

a. Judy would like to have the Crystal Lake Cemetery information. Linda will check to see if it is amongst the data from Danell.

b. Lois took care of the request from Rogue Valley Genealogical Society for missing pages from a cemetery book they had purchased sometime ago.

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary