

Benton County Genealogy Society
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Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 6, 2015
10:00 AM - Philomath Library

1. **Call to Order:** Ron called the meeting to order at 10:08am. Those attending: Ron, Katie, Faye, Linda, Lois, Sue, Mary Jo, and Connie. Ron Olsen attended at 11:00am to discuss the web pages.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the December 9, 2014, minutes were distributed by e-mail and reviewed and approved by those members present.

3. President

- a. Officers for 2015 will be installed at the January 10, 2015, General Meeting
- b. Ron will be absent from the February Board and General meetings. Katie will officiate.
- c. Ron reserved the Philomath Library Conference room for February 10th 10am till noon.

4. Past President

5. Vice President/Programs

- *January's program time will be a tour of the Benton County Museum facilities.
- *February's program will be country specific mini group sessions such as UK, Ireland, and others.
- *Emily Aulicino will present a program on DNA in March 2015.
- *Future programs will include German Research, interactive workshop on organizing research

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Membership:** Mary Jo reported that we have 23 paid memberships plus several complimentary memberships to previous presenters. How to encourage members to pay dues more promptly was discussed.
 - b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:** Lois reviewed our income and expenses. Our current balance is \$4,382.54. Lois announced our proceeds from the December auction totaled \$328!
 - c. **Publications Committee:** Web, Book sales, Newsletter, Brochures/Posters
 - ***Newsletter:** Brad Fuqua our newsletter editor is also starting the Philomath Express newspaper and will be quite busy. Suggested articles for publication in our newsletter need to be sent to Ron who will organize and review the submissions before passing them on to Brad.
 - *A discussion developed around the newsletter content. Suggestions were: Benton County specific information, asking the membership for articles, using already published information such as WPA interviews.
- ***Book Sales:** Judy Juntunen has verbally resigned as the book sales person. Whether we continue to try to sell paper copies of books or not is still an unresolved question.
- * **Webmaster:**
1. A card and Lifetime membership will be sent to Danell to express our gratitude for her years of service to BCGS and most specifically the web pages and the Benton County Pioneer Database.
 2. Ron communicated with Danell and discussed the new web site with David Devin,

webmaster for the Linn County Genealogical Society.

- a. David Devin forgave our previous debt for the new website and offered to train someone to use and keep "Danell's" new website up and running.
- b. There will be fees to be paid in 2015.
- c. Ron will send Danell an e-mail outlining our intentions with the web pages.

3. Ron Olsen attended the Board meeting today specifically to offer his services maintaining the old and new web pages until a permanent webmaster can be found. He offered some background information about his web page support off and on over the last 5 years and has the passwords Danell had given him previously.

- a. He will change the contact person to Linda
- b. He will contact David Devin to determine how to link the old and new pages together to make them usable.

* Dana Sanchez has developed a Face Book page for BCGS. We need to encourage, support and supply content. Go to "**Benton County Genealogical Society**". Perhaps a link to our society web pages could be posted on the society Face Book page.

d. Audit committee: Faye read the audit committee report she and Bill Gleaves reviewed. The Audit report for 2013 -2014 is completed and correct in all respects.

e. Library Committee: Sue

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Updating board and committee roles and responsibilities (place saver)

8. New Business

- a. A suggestion about reading an "inclusive" statement" was discussed. Ron will recognize the good intent but decline using this statement as suggested. BCGS already has a mission statement which reaches out to and includes all individuals. Our society Mission statement is inclusive already.
- b. How to increase membership is an ongoing discussion.
- c. Genealogy workshops: input for a member poll will be addressed at a future meeting.

9. Other

The majority of the Board voted to follow tradition and give Ron a \$30 check in recognition of his service as president. The tradition of giving a gift to the outgoing president will be discussed in a future Board meeting.

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary