

Benton County Genealogy Society
P.O. Box 1646
Philomath, OR 97370
Tuesday, June 10, 2014
10:00 AM - noon, Annex

Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Ron called the meeting to order at 10:04am. Those attending: Ron, Katie, Faye, Linda, Margaret and Mary Jo.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the May 6, 2014, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
3. **President**
 - a. Ron donated a safer, small stepladder to use in the BCGS Library office.
 - b. Input for General Meeting agenda:
 - i. Ron will encourage members to fill out a survey about selecting future programs.
 - ii. The program managers for "Who Do You Think You Are" will be up this way filming. A representative contacted BCGS and asked to use Volume 3 from our Benton County Cemetery Records book collection. They promised to let us know if or when the film involving Benton County is broadcast on television. No hint as to who will be featured in this televised program on genealogy.
 - iii. Ron will check the Bylaws concerning appointment of the Audit Committee and Nominating Committee.
4. **Past President**
5. **Vice President/Programs** - Katie announced the programs scheduled for fall:
 - *Our annual June potluck will be held following the General Meeting on Saturday.
 - *The September program will be presented by Jane Kirkpatrick, a noted Oregon author. This program is co-sponsored with the Historical Museum.
 - *In October, Ken Rainwater aka Ken Real, a Lakota Sioux, will present background information about the roots of the First Nation.
 - *November's program presenter will be Norma Jean Kearsley. Her interactive writing workshop is designed to teach us how to plan and write our family stories.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Membership - Mary Jo reported that we have two new members.
 - b. Treasurer/Finance Committee - Margaret reviewed the income and expenses. Our current balance is \$4,371.86. The Finance Committee will meet soon to set up next year's proposed budget.
 - c. Publications Committee: Web, Book sales, Newsletter, Brochures/Posters
Margaret pointed out the design Mark Tolonen developed. See the "I dream of Genies" emblem in the June 2014 BCGS newsletter.
 - d. Library Committee
 - *Use of the computer in the library was discussed. A motion was made and approved to designate the BCGS computer in the library for Library staff only. Ron will notify Sue of this decision.
 - *Ron will follow up on placing a sign on the library computer: "For Librarian use Only"
 - *The old foot stool could still be useful for sitting and working on the lower book shelves and use the new safer step ladder for reaching the top shelves.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Recommendation: Ron will follow up with an Audit job description to explain it's purpose.

8. New Business

Various ways to get-the-word-out about our fabulous, quality programs and make our society more visible were discussed.

- a. The WDYTYA \$200 offer to BCGS was discussed. The motion was made and approved to ask WDYTYA to donate the \$200 to the BCHM on behalf of BCGS for the most recent Johnson matching fund-raising effort. Ron will follow-up with Irene.

An article in the Corvallis Gazette-Times promoting WDYTYA could increase our visibility.

- b. Using the distinctive "I dream of Genies" design by Mark Tolonen on T-shirts or tote bags was discussed. Selling tote bags as a fund raiser may be discussed again after the summer break. Benton County Genealogical Society is also written in the "Genies" design.

- c. Ron will follow up with Lois about the board supporting her proposal for the Academy for Life Long Learning class: Family Trees and Family Stories: An introduction to Genealogical Research and also suggested contacting Danell who teaches genealogy classes. Margaret suggested that her already prepared power point program could also be used for a presentation.

- d. Skills related workshops on a variety of topics were discussed. Would the workshops be held at a separate time and place or held as a monthly program was contemplated.

9. Other

Setting up a g-mail account as a convenience for individuals searching for ways to contact our society was suggested. Then our individual contact names, phones numbers and e-mail addresses could be eliminated from brochures and the newsletter. Someone would need to maintain this account and check it often.

10. Adjournment

Carry over items for future meetings:

- * Officer, Committee Roles & Responsibilities changes for Audit Committee, Ron will draft
- *Outreach to other societies
- *DaVinci Days?
- *Programs: Shall we have a "back up Plan" should a speaker cancel at the last minute?

**** Lois's draft for the Academy for Life Long Learning class**
Family Trees and Family Stories: An introduction to Genealogical Research. Members of the Benton County Genealogical Society will discuss varied approaches to researching your family tree with both web-based tools and county, state and national records. We will also discuss collecting, archiving and compiling family photos and family stories. If you are just starting, or just need to be inspired to start, we will have tools and suggestions to get you going.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary