

Benton County Genealogy Society
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Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 9, 2015
10:00 AM - noon Philomath Library

1. **Call to Order:** Ron called the meeting to order at 10:10am. Those attending: Ron, Faye, Linda, Lois, Sue, and Connie.

2. **Minutes:** Copies of the May 5, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail and reviewed and approved by those members present.

3. **President**

a. Newsletter submissions, ideas?

*Lois was complimented for her excellent reviews of our programs and will continue.

*Ron was complimented for his spectacular newsletter for June 2015.

*Linda will gather more tips and tricks for submissions to the newsletter.

b. Ways to encourage members to submit articles for the newsletter.

*Interviewing members to use as written articles for the newsletter was discussed.

*Lois and Sue will conduct interviews and determine how successful this technique is to encourage members to submit articles on their own or with help from an interviewer/writer.

*Members of the writing group may wish to submit articles for the newsletter.

c. Next meetings: Sept 8 Board Meeting - September 12 General meeting

4. **Past President**

Faye gave Sue a copy of "My Genealogical Will" for the library. Faye emphasized that copies of this will should be stashed everywhere with your genealogical materials to make a copy easy to find when needed in addition to placing a copy in a safety deposit box.

Ron will bring this to the attention of members attending the General Meeting.

5. **Vice President/Programs**

*June's program will be our annual potluck, a library tour and a meeting of the writing group.

Summer Break; however, the library will be open the same days and hours

*September will be our annual show and tell program for members to tell about what they have learned.

*October and November are to be confirmed

*December will be our annual holiday auction and potluck

6. **Committee Reports**

a. **Membership:** Connie reported that we have 55 paid members and 6 complimentary memberships. Connie brought up the conundrum of whether to charge prospective new members for a partial year or whole year's membership when there is only half of the membership year left. It does not make sense to charge someone for a full membership with only half of the year remaining nor does it make sense to let individuals attend meetings for free until the January membership renewal time. After discussion, it was decided that the non-member \$5 fee charged to use our BCGS library could be included in the one-time, partial year, half-price, new member fee of \$10. Lois volunteered to post a sign in the library for library volunteers and visitors to be aware of this new policy.

b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:**

*Lois reviewed our income and expenses. Our current balance is \$4,731.20, more than anticipated.

- *Lois and Faye will meet to develop a new budget to present to the Board Meeting in September.
- *Sue requested that library funds be increased in the new budget.

c. **Publications:** Web, Newsletter, Facebook

- *Judy Juntunen - no book update received

* **Webmaster:** Linda and Ron Olsen

Possibilities were discussed to find someone who could help design the new society web page. The subject of the yearly fee was discussed and we were reminded of the previous e-mail from **David Devin: He will forward a receipt for the hosting space. Our domain renewal was free for the next year because the hosting service sometimes gives renewal coupons for long term customers. He will pass along that invoice also.** (See e-mail of April 23, 2015)

Ron and Linda do updates to existing html web pages but lack the expertise to design new updated web pages. Perhaps a one-time consultant's fee would be feasible to set up an easy to maintain web page.

- ***Newsletter** - Send newsletter submissions to Ron for publication.

***BCGS Facebook page.**

Linda explained the difficulty in using our Facebook page. Finding previous messages is confusing. Responders to the site are confusing Benton County Oregon with other Benton Counties around the US. Someone needs to monitor the posted queries. "Oregon" needs to be prominently displayed on the Facebook page and perhaps add our society and Benton County US Gen Web URLs.

Sue has administrator permission and will follow up with sorting out the difficulties with Facebook.

e. **Library:** Sue

- *The BCGS Library Inventory will be held June 12th. Lots of members have volunteered.
- *Sue found some treasures in the library: a file of obituaries, a file containing our society's early history, and a floppy disk with information from the Oregonian.
- *She handed out posters for "**Book Talk: At the Hearth of the Crossed Races**" sponsored by the Benton County Historical Museum, held on July 11, 2015, at 1:30pm in the Moreland Auditorium. It's free.

7. **Unfinished Business:**

Faye may not be able to attend the June General Meeting and potluck but has a list of questions for potential writing class participants who will gather at the potluck.

8. **New Business**

9. **Other**

10. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary