

Benton County Genealogy Society
P.O. Box 1646
Philomath, OR 97370
Tuesday June 7, 2016
The Philomath Library 10:00am to noon

Board Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Ron called the meeting to order at 10:08am. Those attending: Ron, Sue, Lois, and Linda.

2. **Minutes:** Copies of the May 10, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.

3. President

a. Ron presented a program on family history to the Kiwanis last Thursday, June 2. He generated a lot of interest in family history, especially when he shared research about genealogy's ability to strengthen kids in times of challenge. Those who know their own family's history grew up knowing that there are good times and bad times and that their own family can survive hard times too. "The Family Stories That Bind Us" — This Life - The New York Times by Bruce Feiler 2013 http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/17/fashion/the-family-stories-that-bind-us-this-life.html?_r=0

b. Ron will demonstrate some usable devices he recommends during the time slot between when the general meeting ends and before the potluck begins. **Shot Box** provides a lighted area to take 2D or 3D photos, **Dragon Speaking Naturally** converts voice to text, **Flip Pal** is a hand-held scanner, and a high quality **digital recorder** which is versatile. All of these items make gathering genealogical data under less than perfect circumstances much easier and with great results.

c. The next Board Meeting will be September 6, 2016, and the next General Meeting will be September 10, 2016.

4. Past President - Faye

5. Vice President/Programs

June: Open forum & sharing after the general meeting followed by the Annual BCGS potluck. Ron will demonstrate several devices he uses and recommends.

Summer Break for July and August – Remember that the BCGS Library will remain open for regular hours during the summer.

September: Show and Tell, all members are encouraged to share their genealogical discoveries.

October: TBA

November: Family Research by Mary Gallagher

December: Holiday Auction and potluck

6. Committee Reports

a. Membership: Ron reported for Connie that we currently have 56 members.

b. Treasurer/Finance Committee:

Lois reported the income and expenses. We are nearly \$500 to the good. Our current balance for May is \$5, 271.99. A new proposed budget was discussed and the new budget probably will not change much for the new fiscal year.

c. Publications: Web, Newsletter

*Published Book Sales: Sue showed the new inventory list for the published books she developed to track which books need to be replenished. She would like someone else to take over this responsibility now that there is a system in place.

* Webmaster: Linda and Ron Olsen – Updates
www.bcgs-oregon.org is still in process.

*Newsletter

Ron would like more membership input for the newsletter, especially after he moves when communication will become more difficult. A new newsletter person will need to be selected soon.

*BCGS Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>

d. Library Committee: Sue

*The Writing group's stories will be on display in the Annex during the potluck social.

*Many dedicated volunteers worked on the BCGS Library's annual inventory last Friday and it will be finished up a little later.

7. Unfinished Business

*New officers were discussed. Jeri Kimmel is interested in becoming the new society president. She has leadership experience. She does not want to take on the newsletter too which is understandable.

*A new newsletter person will need to be found soon.

*A person to monitor the published books is also an open position.

8. New Business

9. Other

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary