

Benton County Genealogy Society
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Board Meeting Minutes

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

1. **Call to Order:** Ron called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Those attending: Ron, Katie, Faye, Linda, Lois, Sue, and Connie.

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

3. President

- a. No action will be taken on the possibility of a free membership to the Philomath Chamber of Commerce until we hear back from Gracie.
- b. Discussion on giving an honorarium to the out-going president will be held at a future time.

4. Past President

Faye reviewed who is permitted to vote in the Board Meetings according to the Bylaws:

1. Elected officers of the Society (includes President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary)
2. Committee Chairs (includes Finance, Nominating, Publications, Library, Audit Chairs)
3. Immediate Past President

Faye explained the good Samaritan awards and that we could nominate someone.

5. Vice President/Programs

*March's program will feature Emily Aulicino to speak about DNA. The set up needed for this presentation was discussed as well as the \$181 fee. A table for membership brochures, newsletters, and information will be set up for Connie. Also a table for Emily to sell her new book is needed. Ron and Katie will set up extra chairs in the museum auditorium prior to the program.

*April's program will feature German Research.

*May's program will be focused on interactive workshops with tools we can use such as scanners.

*June's program will be about planning a research trip.

6. Committee Reports

a. **Membership:** Connie reported that we have 39 paid members. She has updated the society brochures and asked for input on locations to distribute the brochures. She will contact us with her new e-mail address. She had already developed and e-mailed the new membership list.

b. Treasurer/Finance Committee:

*Lois reviewed our income and expenses. Our current balance is \$4804.19.

*There is no urgent need for a PayPal account for BCGS.

c. Publications: Web, Books for sale, Newsletter, Brochures/Posters

* Webmaster: Linda and Ron Olsen

1. Ron DeYoung will contact David Devin about sending us an invoice for the yearly \$14.99 fee for hosting our web site that is still in development.
2. Ron and Linda Olsen will update the contact information posted on the web page.
3. Ron and Linda Olsen will update the membership form posted on the web page.

***Books for sale:**

Sue asked about the process for supplying and selling books that are sold at the museum.

***Newsletter:**

The newsletter could benefit from stories with a local focus. Many ideas were discussed about types of local stories and information that would be appropriate. Many ideas were generated.

d. **BCGS Face Book:** How do we use this social media to the best advantage and what should it include is still under discussion.

e. **Library Committee:**

*Sue is ordering a copy of The Family Tree Problem Solver for the BCGS library.

*Sue has purchased Swiffer dusters for the library. The library staff will take turns dusting the books and otherwise making the library appear neat such as emptying the garbage can.

*Sue is putting together a notebook of "how-to and helpful hits" information that will contain masters that can be used for reference or copied.

7. Unfinished Business:

8. New Business

Discussion developed around holding genealogy classes for perhaps 6 week sessions on consecutive Saturdays. Suggestions included members taking turns with one or more sessions and possibly rotating the teachers. One focus for the classes could be beginning genealogy. Another topic could focus on writing your family history as had been done in the past.

Another thought on a family history writing class is making it a potential source of stories to be published in the society newsletter.

9. Other

Katie reported the open house offered at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon will be held March 14-21 in Portland. Emily Aulicino will speak on DNA there also.

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary