

Benton County Genealogical Society
Board Meeting, May 28, 2002

The meeting started at 7:08. Present were: Mabelle Martsching, Damaris Reynolds, Mary Hardenbrook, David Kribs, Terri Greene, Tonya Rawie, Bill Gleaves, Ken Bielman, Frances Grotefend, Charlene Talbot.

The May minutes were read by Charlene Talbot in the absence of Secretary Jim Russell, and approved. Charlene volunteered to take the minutes for the current meeting.

The treasurer, Frances Grotefend, reported that the income for May was \$329.83 and expenses were \$518.66. The yearly income so far is \$2,914.84 and expenses have amounted to \$3,273.20. The difference is attributed to a large book purchase. Frances reported that we have an opportunity to put the Society's account on the bank's e-mail, and she requested the Board's approval to do so.

The program for June will be the annual picnic and book sale. There is a possibility of having a speaker for October on the identification and dating of old photographs. The idea of inviting the Toledo society was discussed. Another program idea was a talk by Frances Pinney on the Melungeons (regarded as descendants of the possible lost Roanoke colony).

Margaret Hays was not present so no report on the Hostess Committee was forthcoming.

For the Library Committee Ken Bielman reported that the new bookshelves are in place. He was able to buy what was needed for \$60 instead of the projected \$90. Bill Lewis, of the Museum, says we may be able to put more bookshelves on the west wall of the main room when the large couch is eventually taken out. The Linn Co. cemetery books were discussed. They are offering 40 volumes at a sale price of \$5 apiece. The Society already has 6 of these volumes. The board recommended that the subject be brought up at the general meeting, and Ken said he would check to see which ones we already have.

A discussion was held as to what books should be bought in memory of Becky Kiger, possibly books on South Carolina and Tennessee. It will depend on how much has been donated, and will be brought up at the general meeting.

A discussion was held on how to handle the upcoming book sale. There will be more books than usual.

Mabelle Martsching reported on the state of various queries.

As Membership Chairman, Tonya Rawie reported one new member.

Terri Green as newsletter editor asked for written contributions.

Future activities were reported by Mary Hardenbrook. A possible 9 people have signed up for the Sweet Home genealogical trip in June. People will still be able to sign up at the

general meeting. September 16th is the date slated for the next trip, which will be to the Knight Library at the U of O.

Danell Aukerman reported that the WPA forms have been scanned and put on discs, thanks to member Geralyn Barry and her husband.

The Bellefontain Cemetery Walk & Stop came under old business. A list of new burials will be made to update the book at that time. It will probably be the week after the Sweet Home trip. A sign-up sheet will be started. This comes under the heading of Service Projects.

Under new business Frances Grotefend as treasurer reported on increased costs coming up. Rent will be \$100 a month more, postage at 3¢ an ounce more will amount to \$39 for ten issues of the newsletter. She added another \$77 for miscellaneous. The total comes to \$1.54 per member. She suggested raising the dues \$2.00, which would bring single memberships to \$12 and family membership to \$15. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to raise the dues for the coming year to \$12 and \$15.

Danell Aukerman showed a map of donation land claims made by the Benton Co. Survey Dept. A few corrections need to be made and it needs to be checked to see that everyone in the book is on the map. It was then suggested that 12 corrected copies be made, one given to the Surveyors and the others sold for \$20 by the Society.

It was settled that the next board meeting will be on September 4, a Wednesday. Ken Bielman offered to bring cookies, if someone would remind him.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.