

Tuesday, 31 May 2011  
3:00 pm, Philomath Community Library,  
1050 Applegate, Philomath, OR 97370

**A. Call to Order:**

Margaret called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Those attending were Margaret, Earle, Grace, Linda, Judy, Bill and Leila

**B. Minutes:**

The May 2, 2011, minutes were reviewed and approved.

**C. Committee Reports:**

**1. President**

\*Margaret reported on two of the Historical Preservation month events held in May. She shared photos she took at the awards ceremony honoring Earle Greig which was held at St. Annes (Lewisburg Grange). Other BCGS members were on hand for the celebration as well. Margaret also reviewed the Camp Adair tour hosted by Faye Abraham and the photos she took there. The photos will be placed in our BCGS History book.

\*Judy reported on the program held at Crystal Lake Cemetery. A discussion developed around the many veterans' grave sites that were not honored with a flag and the need for an organized list of veteran's for each cemetery.

\* Margaret reported on the events and experiences she had at the National Genealogical Society where she purchased a book for our library on Oregon to honor Joan Froelich.

**2. Past President**

Bill told us about the events at Camp Adair and also spoke about his time in the service there. He reviewed the May program and indicated that our speaker, Beverly Whitmore was very enthusiastic about her presentation on "How did they get Here?"

**3. Vice President/Programs**

Our June business meeting will be brief followed by the general meeting. The program topic, "Breaking Down Brick Walls", will be discussed in small groups. Lee will purchase paper cups, napkins and drinks for the potluck following the program. Members will need to be reminded that there is no refrigerator available. No newspaper announcements or posters are required for the June meeting.

**4. Treasurer/Finance Committee**

For now, Judy will use the check book and pay the bills and send the list to Margaret to post and printout the budget. She is sorting through the past records.

**5. Publication Committee**

Linda reported that several updates need to be made to the web pages. Earle reported that he is working on ways to find the names of the unknown grave sites at the Kings Valley Cemetery. One way might be searching funeral home records to determine names and/or locations of grave sites. Judy shared her knowledge of searching records and stated that

the Bovee Funeral Home records are the earliest--about 1910; however, they do not indicate a grave's location.

#### **6. Library Committee**

Grace would still like to see more space allocated in our library for vertical file drawers. One recommendation would be to remove the outdated computer to make more space for a two-drawer file; however, some of the older CDs won't run on newer computers, requiring the use of the older computer. A discussion developed about possible storage locations for the old computer. Margaret will send an e-mail asking for volunteers to conduct a CD inventory to determine how many of our older CDs will not run on more current computers. Perhaps upgraded CDs could be purchased.

The BCGS Library Inventory is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to about 4:00pm. Volunteers wishing to help should contact Grace.

Grace reported that the duplicate books have been sorted out and new books have been shelved. Margaret gave the library a book on the Decker family and an 1846 map of Texas, California, and Oregon.

The library committee will select a book to honor Mary Yoke.

#### **7. Audit Committee**

Bill reported that the audit is completed and the books are balanced. He recommended that we discuss purchasing Quicken or other software program to simplify the treasurer's job; especially, during the transition of officers. Using two receipt books, one for the membership chairman and one for the treasurer was also suggested. Bill will list his recommendations in a letter to be shared with the board and finance committee.

#### **8. Other**

An obituary for Kenneth Courtney was sent to Grace at the library. Margaret will give it to the museum for their obituary files.

#### **D. Unfinished Business**

##### **E. New Business**

1. Margaret received an e-mail from Arcadia Publishing Company asking for local historians or groups interested in submitting photographs of Oregon for their Images of America books. Arcadia would compile a photographic history of Corvallis. Authors would receive a percentage of the profit and a discount on purchasing books to resell at events. Margaret will send out an e-mail asking if any society member is interested in this project.

#### **G. Adjournment**

The next board meeting will be Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary