

Benton County Genealogy Society
P.O. Box 1646
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Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
10:00 AM - noon Philomath Library

1. **Call to Order:** Ron called the meeting to order at 10:10am. Those attending: Ron, Katie, Faye, Linda, Sue, and Connie.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the April 7, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail and reviewed and approved by those members present.
3. **President**
 - a. Faye will continue collecting the UPC labels from Santiam and Flav-R-Pak foods as a fund raiser for our society. She will contact Gene for the mailing information.
 - b. Katie will officiate at the May General Meeting in Ron's absence.

4. Past President

Faye will share a form at the May General Meeting. With this form, you can designate how you want your genealogy research material distributed to preserve it for future generations. This form can be attached to a will for distribution of genealogy collections.

5. Vice President/Programs

- *May's program will be a presentation on Planning a Research Trip by Mary Dean Snelling
- *June's program will be our annual potluck and the first gathering of the writing group.

Summer Break until September; however our library will be open

- *September will be our annual show and tell program to share information.
- *October's topic may be about how to attach a chip to a tombstone as a way of preserving your genealogy.
- *November may focus on the History of the World and how to incorporate it into our genealogy.
- *December will be our annual holiday auction.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Membership:** Connie reported we have 56 members and several complimentary memberships. She shared several comments from members with concerns about directions to the exact location of our society meetings.
- b. **Treasurer/Finance Committee:**
 - *Ron reported that our current balance had not changed very much. Lois will give a report at the general meeting.
- c. **Publications Committee:** Web, Book sales, Newsletter, Brochures/Posters
 - *Judy Juntunen
 - * Webmaster: Linda and Ron Olsen
 - More information from Miles Holden will be posted on the Claremont Cemetery site.

*Newsletter

Lois will print, stamp and mail newsletters to those members who receive it by US mail.

d. BCGS Face Book page. Dana will be invited to tell about how to use the Facebook page. It appears that members are unsure about how to use Face Book.

e. Library Committee: Sue

The library inventory will be held on Friday June 12th.

7. **Unfinished Business:**

*Faye reported that 10 members were interested in the writing classes and most were able to attend on Tuesday during the time the library is open.

*Those interested in the writing class will get together at the June potluck to discuss the class. Members will be asked what they most want to write about.

8. **New Business**

*Small group tours of our library will be offered during the June potluck on June 13th.

9. **Other**

*Katie shared that anyone with a subscription to Ancestry.com can send non-members limited access to their Family Tree.

*Ron shared that Ancestry.com has access to genealogy information in many other countries around the world. Free access to Ancestry.com is available at the Family History Center.

*Sue shared information about the Marvin Rowley interview that can be found in the **Soap Creek Oral Histories Series 1989 - 1999** booklet by Bob Zybach online at

http://www.nwmapsco.com/ZybachB/Oral_Histories/Soap_Creek_Valley/

Mr. Rowley was recently honored for his long career in Forestry.

*Linda shared an older genealogy book titled **Shaking Your Family Tree**, a basic guide to tracing your family genealogy by Dr. Ralph Crandall. It uses good methodology for learning the basics of genealogy research.

10. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary