Benton County Genealogy Society

Board Meeting Minutes

P.O. Box 1646 Philomath, OR 97370 Tuesday May 10, 2016 The Philomath Library 10:00am to noon

- 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 April 5, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
- 3. President
 - a. General discussion for the good of the order. Other members were suggested that may help with the usual tasks at the General Meeting on Saturday.
 - b. Ron will contact George Davidson to follow up on the new refurbished computers George has donated to the society and are available in our library.

4. Past President - Faye

5. Vice President/Programs

May: DAR with Carla Francis June: Annual BCGS potluck

Summer Break for July and August

September: Show and Tell, all members

October: TBA

November: Family Research by Mary Gallagher

December: Holiday Auction and potluck

6. Committee Reports

- a. Membership: No report
- b. Treasurer/Finance Committee:

Lois reported the income and expenses. We are \$470 to the good. Our current balance is \$5, 243.96.

c. Publications: Web, Newsletter

*Published Book Sales:

*Sue made a new inventory list for the society published books for sale and is coordinating what books need to be replenished both at our BCGS Library and those for sale at the museum. Books for sale will be printed as needed.

*Sue contacted Sharon O'Neil, the author of **Benton County Pioneers**, Study of the Inhabitants Listed in the 1850 Federal Census of Benton County, Oregon. Sharon O'Neil gave her permission for BCGS to print her book for us to sell. Sue has an e-mail confirming this permission arrangement.

* Webmaster: Linda and Ron Olsen - Updates

1. Ron Olsen posted the updated Membership form that is now at www.bcgs-oregon.org

2. Ron and Linda met with Danell and talked about obituaries, the new web site that she had started with David Devon, the Pioneer Database, and WPA records. She has made significant updates to the Benton County Gen Web page http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/

- a. WPA interviews for "J" and "Y" are now complete.
- b. Working in churches, Assemblies of God and 6 more
- c. Fixed 3 of 5 broken links in cemetery list-Crystal Lake and Oaklawn are still broken
- d. Working on transcription of the Cauthorn Diary of crossing the plains to Oregon
- e. Found the files for the cemetery books.

*Newsletter

Ron will continue publishing our BCGS newsletter for awhile longer and will contribute information to the newsletter even after he is moved to Utah.

*BCGS Facebook page. Sue posted an announcement about our upcoming DAR program on facebook. https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/

f. Library Committee: Sue

*Susan Hayes is helping to evaluate the CD collection in the BCGS Library.

*The library committee will determine the viability of the old computer upstairs in the Annex.

7. Unfinished Business

Ideas for a presidential succession plan and someone to take over the newsletter were discussed.

8. New Business

9. Other

Publicity:

*Lois adds the BCGS program announcement to the FYI section of the Corvallis Gazette Times each month.

*Sue made a poster for the DAR program. The Board members present will distribute them.

*Upcoming events:

Summer Genealogy Fest: Lane Community College, Eugene July 30, 2016.

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Linda Olsen, Secretary