

Benton County Genealogy Society
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Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 8, 2011
1:00 pm, College Annex
1101 Main, Philomath, OR 97370

A. Call to Order:

Margaret called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.

Those attending: Nancy DeBoie, Nancy Basque, Margaret Fox, Judy Juntunen, Gene Newcomb, Ellen Bartish, Grace Maddux, Earle Greig, Faye Abraham, Bill Gleaves and Linda Olsen.

B. Minutes:

The September 26, 2011, minutes were read by e-mail and approved by members attending the board meeting.

C. Committee Reports:

1. President

Margaret told about her warm and wonderful time in Georgia. She copied 100 pages from the State Archives' vertical files filled with a rich variety of family surname information. The county library genealogy rooms were very helpful also.

2. Past President

3. Vice President/Programs

Margaret reported that Marlene McDonald is presenting November's program about her gr-gr-grandparents, William and Asenath Blodgett, and the December program is our annual Holiday Party and auction. A notice about members bringing items to donate for the auction was mentioned in the newsletter.

Faye is organizing a program in January 2012 featuring a WWII re-enactor. Other possibilities for the February or March 2012 programs are another round table session that was so popular and a presentation about the Star family presented by Steve Morrison

Faye asked who makes the list of those bringing refreshments for both the general meetings and the board meetings. A sign-up list is usually passed around at the general meetings and the board meetings are less formal. The \$12 in the budget and donations for refreshments was discussed. The library committee will monitor the refreshment supplies in the Annex and purchase coffee and other supplies and submit receipts for reimbursement.

4. Treasurer/Finance Committee

Judy reviewed the income and expenses and stated the balance is \$4,374.65.

Rent is due soon and more membership dues will be coming in soon. Changing banks from Citizens Bank to the Credit Union was discussed. Members agreed that it would be a good idea to change banks.

5. Publication Committee

*The best locations around town to place BCGS posters promoting our programs was discussed. Libraries, Benton Center, FOF, barber and beauty shops, and Monroe area were mentioned.

Margaret designs the posters and also placed an announcement in the Gazette Times.

*Margaret is now doing the newsletters. She discussed several different possibilities for newsletter designs and will continue to experiment with other creative ideas.

*The updated library shelf list is now online. (More than 2,700 items)

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/booklist.html>

Three additional links have been added to the Benton County Gen Web Page courtesy of the Benton County Historical Museum at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/>

- 1) Benton County cemetery maps with a zoom
- 2) Benton County Business Directories 1867-1932
- 3) Tour Guide Series all FREE online. Written by Ken Mumford and others.

*Earle reported no books have been sold recently.

6. Library Committee

*Margaret requested the library committee contribute something for the newsletter each month.

*Grace has had two book requests. **Following the Land** and **Irish Genealogy Research**.

These books will be purchased.

*Margaret explained the process of selecting books to purchase in memory of members who have passed away. Books are selected within the state the member researched.

The recent books selected for dedication are:

1. Joan Froehlich -- **NGS Research in the State Series - Oregon** (has been purchased)
2. Mary Yoke ----- A North Dakota book will be purchased. The NGS Ohio book was incorrectly identified. Ellen search for North Dakota books.
3. Roberta Glass ---- A Washington or Oregon book will be purchased.
4. Priscilla Crabtree-- **A Snap Shot in Time, 1859** (has been purchased)

*Linda will notify the families of these members that books have been purchased in memory of their loved one and note the book title for each.

*Grace will send thank yous for the donated books to the Damaris Reynolds and Mabelle Martsching families.

An Oregon Pioneer book - **Meeks Cut-Off --The Terrible Trail** was suggested as a great Oregon book to purchase. Earle thought the paperback was still available. Margaret requested that the library purchase this book.

Faye was complimented for her photo of Nancy Basque published in the November newsletter. Nancy suggested taking shots of our whole group as well as featuring our program speakers. A little time was devoted to picture identification of previously taken photos to help Nancy complete the 2011 scrapbook. She will begin a new album for 2012.

7. Audit Committee

The audit committee will present their report at the General Meeting.

8. Other

*Judy had searched for the appropriate sized flags to place on veteran's graves honoring Veteran's Day. Mt. Union Cemetery needed more flags this year.

*Faye told about Veterans' Ceremonies held in Oregon five times a year for eligible veterans to receive a medal.

*Margaret commented that Damaris Reynolds has moved to Salem. She has her new address.

D. Unfinished Business

1. Books in memory of Mary Yoke (ND), Roberta Glass (WA or OR), Priscilla Crabtree, (OR), and Joan Froehlich (OR) were discussed. The Library committee will follow-up with selecting and purchasing the books.
2. Grace brought up the list of states for which we have very few books in the library. Margaret will e-mail the list to members. This may also serve as a reminder that our library is not limited to just books about Benton County or just Oregon.
3. Margaret asked the library committee to bring a few books and periodicals to each meeting for members to look over.

E. New Business

1. Come to the December Holiday Party and bring auction items.

G. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary