

Benton County Genealogy Society
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Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 13, 2012
9:00 am, Annex, Philomath, OR 97370

A. Call to Order:

Danell called the meeting to order at 9:10am. Those attending: Danell, Faye, Grace, Mary Jo, Linda, Nancy.

B. Minutes:

Copies of the September 8, 2012, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

C. Committee Reports:

1. President

Danell told about a flash drive that was given to her by Diana Greb, containing images of Benton County death certificates up through 2009. These will be published on our new web site that Danell is working on. She hopes to have the new site up and running by January 2013. A motion was made and approved for the \$12 monthly charge for the new web site. This will be a searchable database linked to multiple resources.

2. Past President - No report

3. Vice President/Programs

Stewart Myers, a registered patent attorney, will speak about copyright laws and address questions specific to genealogy regarding intellectual property. He will suggest ways to protect original genealogical materials.

Several local speakers knowledgeable about genealogical resources will be invited to make a presentation for our November meeting.

4. Treasurer/Finance Committee

Treasurer: Margaret – no report

Membership: Mary Jo reported that we currently have 54 paid memberships

Public Relations

5. Publication Committee

Web page:

Danell is checking into updating our society web page, similar to Linn County's web page. Surnames entered into the new database will be searchable in multiple places such as death certificates, marriage records, Benton County Pioneers, and cemetery records.

Booksales - Judy

Danell and Grace reported that three cemetery books and marriage record books were sold.

Newsletter - Margaret - no report

Brochures - Mary Jo reported that we have enough brochures

Posters -Posters publicizing our program this month were well distributed.

6. Library Committee

Librarian: Grace reported a new book on Irish Ancestry has arrived, and she will be ordering another book about Irish Quakers. These books have been recommended by members. Grace also reported that library books are being arranged with some being moved to the upstairs library room in the Annex. Most of the unaccounted for books from the recent inventory have been found.

Library staff: no report

Historian: Nancy will be updating the scrapbook with the photos from September.

Photographer: Faye will send Nancy the photos taken in September.

7. Other

Source for replacing tombstone markers:

Jeff Hilts Marker Service 503-362-2351 jgh@usfamily.net
Jeff Hilts
2499 Wallace Rd. NW
Salem, OR 97304

D. Unfinished Business

1. Grace will continue requesting our society meeting time and place be posted on the Reader Board in Philomath as often as possible.
 2. Gene is investigating re-keying a lock for the upstairs Annex library space.
 3. Discussing ideas for honoring past members will be carried over to the next meeting.
- Margaret is collecting ideas submitted by members.

E. New Business

1. A Nominating Committee to recruit new officers was discussed. Nancy told how she did it last year by calling members for ideas and encouraging them to step up.
2. Grace brought photos of new markers she recently had placed on family graves. She highly recommended the man who did the work for a reasonable cost. Grace will announce this service at the General Meeting today. Anyone wishing more information on replacing tombstones should contact Grace. Adding a regular spot in our newsletter for tips and sources for services such as cemetery marker replacements was suggested.
3. Ways to make new and prospective new members feel more included and welcome at our meetings and programs were discussed including greeting them at the meeting and linking new members to other members who are researching the same locations or surnames.
4. A monthly suggestion: To encourage members to put their generational charts in our notebooks to be available in our BCGS library for reference.

G. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary