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Benton County Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, 3:00 pm,
Philomath Community Library,
1050 Applegate, Philomath, OR 97370

A. Call to Order:

Margaret called the meeting to order at 3:04pm

B. Reading, corrections and approval of board minutes.

Copies of the previous minutes were passed around for members to read. A request to adjust the By-Laws wording in the minutes was clarified. The previous minutes now stand approved.

C. Committee Reports

1. President

- * Margaret read a note from Jim Kohl, a society member, who appreciated the great information provided in our newsletters which complimented Teri for the marvelous job she does on the newsletter.
- * Conference information: the FHC Milwaukie Stake is having a conference in Oct and offering classes. This information was given to Teri for publication in the newsletter.
- * Committees were discussed and will be a topic at the General Meeting.
- * Cookie sign up sheet was sent around.

2. Treasurer

Gene explained the income and expenses for September. Our current balance is \$3,705.05. Discussion revolved around the promotional income from the Footnote.com subscriptions.

3. Membership

Sandra reported seven members had renewed, one new member joined, and four life memberships were added to equal 12 memberships.

4. Programs

Susan explained the OSU Archives program scheduled for October 9, 2010. She outlined the program presentation and arrangements. The business meeting will be held just prior to the program. Discussion developed around the logistics of getting members to the Archives Room and parking locations, announcement in the newsletter, and time to have the BCGS library open afterwards. Offering the Archives presenters BCGS memberships was also mentioned. Future program topics were discussed such as round table groups and inviting members who have traveled this year to share their experiences.

5. Librarian

Grace reported that most of the new books have been integrated into the library, and the staff situation is resolved. Nancy DeBois is helping out.

6. Book purchases

One new book was purchased.

7. Newsletter

Teri asked for a brief review of the topics discussed at the Show & Tell at the September meeting for publication in the newsletter. Margaret will supply the information and others volunteered comments.

8. Hospitality

9. Society Historian

Lee asked for clarification about items intended for the scrapbook. Margaret explained the items that should be included such as photos. All present were in agreement. Lee also asked if the scrapbook should be taken to every meeting. Taking the scrapbook to the Annex following the general meetings seemed like the best idea.

10. Publications

Earle brought a book, Benton County Pioneers, by Shirley O'Neil to discuss a process for reordering. Purchasing this book for resale, how much to charge and how many to purchase was discussed. Earle recommended purchasing 5 to 10 books and reselling them for \$30 each. Earle will pursue this issue to determine how many people are interested in purchasing this book and figuring out how many to purchase for resale.

11. Other

Nominating committee: Leila, Teri, and Grace have not found volunteers interested in filling the vice president or treasurer positions. Discussion developed around who will continue in their current positions and how to encourage members to volunteer for officer positions.

Those willing to serve: Earle will continue in publishing, Judy Juntunen is interested in helping in the library, Bill will continue as auditor, Jim Kohl is interested in serving to be on a committee, Lee will continue as historian.

Margaret may appoint a person to take notes as a substitute secretary at the board meetings.

D. Unfinished Business

1. Budget adjustments - specifically newspaper expense

Gene made adjustments on the 2011 budget and copies were passed around. Discussion developed about adjusting line items. Susan made a motion to adopt this as the official budget. The motion passed.

Options for reducing the cost on the number of paper copies of newsletters printed were discussed:

- * Charge more for mailed paper copies to members who request paper copies
- * Offer newsletters only every other month
- * Send newsletters via e-mail to other organizations
- * Reduce the number of pages per newsletter.
- * Someone will contact other organizations about sending their newsletters electronically.

E. New Business

1. Policy

* A charge for our library use is now a policy approved by the board. "Day Use for non-members is \$5". A sign will be posted in the library. Our BCGS brochure will need to reflect this policy also.

* Are there other library policies? Keeping the society policies in a notebook was suggested so that policies may be added as needed. Everyone should have access to a copy of the policies.

* What about names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses on publications? Do we need to get permission from members before publishing? A discussion developed around this concern.

Margaret will check on a policy regarding the membership list and privacy concerns.

2. The November meeting will be held in the Fireside Room at the church due to a schedule conflict.

G. Adjournment

I have scribbled from audio tape