

Benton County Genealogy Society
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Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, 26 September 2011
3:00 pm, Philomath Community Library,
1050 Applegate, Philomath, OR 97370

A. Call to Order:

Margaret called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Those attending were Margaret, Earle, Leila, Mary Jo, Nancy Basque, Gene, and Grace.

B. Minutes:

The 29 August 2011, minutes were reviewed, and approved with the following corrections.

Correction Needed: C. Committee Reports: 1. President ".....The officer positions will be up for nomination as well as other positions: President, Vice President/Programs, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Historian, Publications, and Photographer all need to be filled."

Changed to: "...The officer positions up for nomination are President, Vice-President/Programs and Treasurer. Appointed positions that need to be filled are Newsletter Editor, Historian, Publisher/Book Seller, and Photographer."

Correction Needed: C. Committee Reports: 4. Treasurer/Finance Committee "...Margaret will ~~pass out~~ talk about an updated ~~2010-2011~~ 2011-2012 budget at the September general meeting."

C. Committee Reports:

1. President

* Volunteers who have stepped up to fill open positions:

- Faye Abraham - Society Photographer
- Gene Newcomb - back-up Photographer
- Grace Maddux - Hostess following our General Meetings
- Gene Newcomb - back-up Host
- Nancy Basque - Society Historian

* Lee Rudisill will be honored at the October meeting for her years of service with a card and dinner coupon.

2. Past President

3. Vice President/Programs

*Margaret handed out posters she made promoting Nancy Basque's presentation on using City Directories for the October general meeting. Board members were encouraged to post them in the community. November is Marlene McDonald's presentation about her ancestors. December is the holiday party. In January Faye Abraham is organizing a program.

* Another round table session possibly scheduled for the February meeting was discussed. Feedback was very positive about the previous round table sessions.

Extending the time beyond 15 minutes per table topic was suggested.

* Margaret related information received from Mary Gallagher about Steve Morrison who would like to present a talk about the Star family. This is a possibility for the March program.

4. Treasurer/Finance Committee

* Membership: Mary Jo received several paid memberships for 2012. She will put a reminder in the newsletter that membership dues are payable by January 1st.

* Treasurer: Margaret reported that the total income for September is \$75.

5. Publication Committee

* Publications: Earle - no book sales for September

* Newsletter: Leila is in the process of getting the newsletter printed and mailed out.

The poster promoting Nancy Basque's presentation will be sent out with the newsletter.

6. Library Committee

* Margaret will check with Irene on whether the upstairs space in the annex belongs to the Genealogy Society or not.

* The library book shelf list is complete and old materials have been culled. Ellen helps with labeling and will do Saturday library duty following the general meetings. Books purchased as memorials were discussed. Leila will choose a book on Oregon from the museum as a memorial for Priscilla Crabtree.

7. Audit Committee

* Jerry Buthmann, Danell Aukerman and Sandra Potter are taking care of the audit.

8. Other

Nominating Committee

* Nancy Basque as the nominating committee with advisors Mary Jo and Leila made many phone calls and some e-mails trying to find members who would commit to the officer positions. Danell and Faye Abraham may consider the president and vice-president positions. Linda will continue as secretary and Margaret will consider the treasurer position.

* Ideas for encouraging new members:

a. Nancy suggested incorporating more sharing time at our meetings and supporting more camaraderie between members.

b. Flyers were also mentioned as a positive promotion. Margaret mentioned that we do have a public relations position.

c. A promotional article in the Gazette-Times featuring our genealogy society was suggested; however, a previous article did not appear to help us gain any new members.

d. Not everyone understands that our library is open to any member doing genealogical research, not limited just to Benton County residents, and that our library has materials available across many categories including all the states and some other countries. Margaret will add a similar statement in the newspaper announcement for our October meeting.

Newspaper project:

Gene sent 8 newspaper CD image pages to the University of Oregon in hopes of having some Corvallis newspapers included in their Oregon Digital Newspaper online

project. He has not heard anything yet. He explained the optical character recognition process and thought the CD images would be difficult to read.

Nancy told about her successful experience using numbers in an address for her search instead of names to find a significant article in a newspaper that had been optically scanned.

D. Unfinished Business

Finances:

The 2010-2011 Budget dated Sept 19, 2011, was discussed and approved. Margaret had met previously with the finance committee members and through a collaborative effort finalized the budget.

All money coming in for the society should go to Judy in a labeled envelope explaining what the money is for.

E. New Business

1. Margaret will not be present for the October Board Meeting. Bill or Judy may be able to preside over the next board meeting.

2. From the ByLaws:

"Nominees shall be presented and nominations opened from the floor at the October meeting. Ballots will be made available in the November newsletter. Voting may be either mailed in or hand delivered. Ballots must be received at or before the December meeting. Installation of new officers shall take place at the beginning of the January meeting of the same year."

G. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary