

1. **Call to Order:** Ron called the meeting to order at 10:10am. Those attending: Ron, Katie, Lois, Linda, Sue and Mary Jo.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the June 10, 2014, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by those members present.
3. **President**

- a. Audit Committee Roles and Responsibilities changes will be discussed at a later time.
 1. Ron will appoint an Audit Committee at the September meeting.

b. The Nominating Committee has met and suggested the current officers be nominated for the 2015 calendar year: President: Ron, Vice-President: Katie, Secretary: Linda, and Treasurer: Lois.

1. Ballots will be included in the October and November newsletters. Voting will be completed in December and installation of officers will be in January 2015.

2. Appointed positions including Publications, Newsletter person, and Librarian will be appointed by the President with the Board's approval.

3. Individuals who may be interested in an appointed position were discussed. Judy Juntunen may continue with printing our publications. Having one-on-one conversations with individual members will take place at the September meeting. The Librarian's responsibilities may be divided up into smaller tasks. (more under Library)

- c. Computer update

1. Ron talked with Mark about the computer. Windows 7 is installed, not XP so it can be online. The Windows 7 apparently needs to be registered online. There is still a question whether the computer should be available to all members or just used for library tasks only. Katie will ask Lyle Utt if he is interested in working with the computer.

2. A librarian file on the computer disappeared.

4. Past President

5. Vice President/Programs

*Our September program will be presented by Jane Kirkpatrick, a noted Oregon author. This program is co-sponsored with the Historical Museum.

*In October, Ken ~~Reinwater~~ aka Ken Real, a Lakota Sioux, will present background information about the roots of the First Nation. *Running Crane*

*November's program presenter will be Norma Jean Kearsley. Her interactive writing workshop is designed to teach us how to plan and write our family stories.

*December's meeting will be a potluck and holiday auction.

*Possible back-up plans to use when the program is cancelled at the last minute were discussed.

- a. Use program time for group discussion or sharing
- b. Use our BCGS library
- c. Explore the Historical Museum or a tour if possible at last minute.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Membership – Mary Jo reported that we have no new members.

- b. Treasurer/Finance Committee:

*Lois reported that our current balance as of August 31, 2014, is \$4,453.90.

*The Finance Committee met in August. Lois presented the proposed new budget for 2014-2015. The new budget emphasizes the importance of increasing the programs allotment. Presenting more dynamic programs could attract new members. "Other Income" is intended to be money moved from savings to cover any additionally budgeted program costs. After discussion, the proposed 2014-2015 budget was unanimously approved by the Board with the acknowledgment that additional expenses need to be

approved by the Board.

*Increasing the yearly membership dues was discussed. Increasing our yearly membership to \$20 for a member and their family or \$25 if they want a mailed copy of the newsletter was approved by the Board. The increase will be effective January 1, 2015.

c. Publications Committee: Web, Book sales, Newsletter, Brochures/Posters

*Ron will continue producing the newsletter until a replacement for Margaret Fox is appointed. Margaret is greatly missed as a Board member and active member of our society.

* The BCGS web pages were discussed. Ron will contact Danell.

d. Library Committee

*Sue explained her thoughts to restructure the many Librarian's responsibilities into manageable categories. Volunteers would be responsible for each category such as yearly inventory, organizing volunteers, special projects as indexing newsletters, journals and others. Someone would still need to oversee the library and organize the volunteers. Sue will write up a list of tasks.

*Ron will cover the 3rd Saturday library shift until a replacement is appointed.

*Labeling various donated items with "Property of BCGS" labels was discussed. Listing donated items was also discussed.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a. How to increase membership? GT article, outreach opportunities?

The Board decided that it was too late to place an article in the Gazette Times about the "Who Do You Think You Are" genealogy TV program linking actor Kelsey Grammer's family to Benton County. Our society was mentioned in the credits following this program.

b. The Philomath Chamber of Commerce meets on the 3rd Thursday evening each month.

Grace Maddux spoke with them and found out that we can be listed on their website free and become members for \$125 per year. Contact is Shelly Gerding-Nieman. The Board decided that we would like to be listed on their web site but not become members.

c. Thoughts on education, training will be saved for a later discussion

* Skills related workshops (scanning, technology, other?)

* Webinars/Downloadable seminar talks (Roots Web, Family Search, etc.)

d Outreach: Academy for Life Long Learning: Lois is a member of ALL- see draft below.

*Ron, Lois, and Linda and possibly other Board members will present this program for ALL on Thursday, January 29, 2015, 9:30am - 11:30am at the Congregational Church.

** Lois's draft description for the Academy for Life Long Learning class

Family Trees and Family Stories: An introduction to Genealogical Research. Members of the Benton County Genealogical Society will discuss varied approaches to researching your family tree with both web-based tools and county, state and national records. We will also discuss collecting, archiving and compiling family photos and family stories. If you are just starting, or just need to be inspired to start, we will have tools and suggestions to get you going.

9. Other – Is a separate e-mail address for our society needed? Not currently deemed necessary.

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary