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Tuesday September 6, 2016

The Philomath Library 10:00am to noon

1. **Call to Order:** Ron called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. Those attending: Ron, Lois, Linda, Connie and George.
2. **Minutes:** Copies of the June 7, 2016, minutes were distributed by e-mail and approved by those members present.
3. **President**
  - a. Ron related his plans for moving to Utah, house hunting and doing the Family Search Support. He still plans to continue the BCGS Newsletter long distance for awhile.
  - b. Ron announced the "Digital Walk through Fort Hoskins" presented at the museum September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.
  - c. The next Board Meeting will be October 4, 2016, and the next General Meeting will be October 8, 2016.

4. **Past President - Faye**

5. **Vice President/Programs**

September: Show and Tell, all members may share genealogical information.

October: A presentation about how to assemble a children's book of activities designed to teach them about their family history.

November: Family Research by Mary Gallagher

December: Holiday Auction and potluck

6. **Committee Reports**

a. Membership: Connie reported that we have 57 memberships.

b. Treasurer/Finance Committee:

Lois reported the income and expenses. Our current balance is \$5,215.16. A proposed budget for 2016-2017 was discussed and approved by the Board.

c. Publications: Web, Newsletter

\*Published Book Sales: Sue – published books for sale

\* Webmaster: Linda and Ron Olsen – Updates

1. Ron Olsen talked with George Davidson about taking over the webmaster duties and he agreed.
2. Ron and Linda met with Danell in June and discussed the new web site that she had begun with David Devin, the Pioneer Database, WPA records and a box of obituaries.
3. Danell has made significant updates to the Benton County Gen Web page <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/>
  - a. WPA interviews for "J" and "Y" are now complete.
  - b. WPA - she is working on churches, including Assemblies of God and 6 more
  - c. She fixed 3 of 5 broken links in the cemetery list—Crystal Lake and Oaklawn Cemeteries are still unavailable at this time.

d. She finished the transcription of the "Cauthorn Diary" of crossing the plains to Oregon.

4. George would like to post previous BCGS Newsletters on our new web site at [www.bcgs-oregon.org](http://www.bcgs-oregon.org) Connie will send him the newsletters she has saved in pdf format.

5. George has set up a contact page at the new web site [www.bcgs-oregon.org](http://www.bcgs-oregon.org) for anyone wanting to send him a message. Click on "Contact" in the menu just under the photo of Marys Peak at the top of the new web page.

**\*Newsletter**

Send newsletter submissions to Ron DeYoung for publication.

**Examples:** Genealogy book reviews, family research articles and items of interest concerning genealogy, stories of the area, upcoming conferences or conferences you have attended. See Ron's e-mail in the newsletter.

**\*BCGS Facebook page. See us on Facebook.**

<https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>

d. Library Committee: Sue

It was suggested that perhaps one of the librarians could monitor the published book sales.

**7. Unfinished Business**

A new BCGS president and vice president are urgently needed. A newsletter editor will be needed within a few more months.

**8. New Business**

**9. Other**

\*Connie described how successful the Family Fun Day at the Benton County Historical Museum was this summer and briefly discussed the "What If" possibility that BCGS could somehow join in next summer. We would need a theme to match the International theme the museum plans for next summer.

\*Connie also suggested that Ruth Post at the Philomath City Hall could be a contact person for locating old cemeteries in our area.

**10. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary