

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday April 8, 2017**

Call to Order – President George Davidson

George welcomed members and visitors

Minutes– Linda The March 11, 2017, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - George

- a. Next Board Meeting will be **Wednesday May 10, 2017**, at the Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm. **All members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.**
- b. Next General Meeting will be held on **Saturday May 13, 2017**, in the church social hall at 10:00am with the program to follow at 11:00am
- c. Asked for a volunteer to write the program review for today's presentation.
- d. Explained the intrusion on our website that required masking the contact information.
- e. Informed the membership that he had set up a PayPal account on our website.
- f. Announced that Dawn Carlile's handout on digitized newspapers is now posted on our website. Dawn kindly gave us permission to post it for one year.
- g. Gave an overview of the day: Ron's program is an "Overview of the FamilySearch Wiki" and invited members to the Annex for refreshments following the program.

Past President - Ron is presenting the program today.

Vice President - Kathryn Moss

Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons

April: Ron DeYoung will demonstrate the Family Search Wiki web site

May: Hannah Allan's program "Incorporating History into Genealogy"

June: Annual Pot Luck.

Summer Break — **Our BCGS Library will be open the same hours through the summer.**

September: Show and Tell and sharing.

October: Don Anderson's program about "From Native American to Scottish: The journey to find my first parents. It all started in Corvallis!"

November: TBA

December: Annual Holiday Auction and potluck.

Committee Reports

Membership: Connie reported that we have 56 memberships!

Treasurer: Lois reported that our current balance is \$5,700.

Publication Committee

Web pages:

New items are being added to our BCGS website www.bcgs-oregon.org **Take a look!**

1. **New Web page:** George

*Added Dawn Carlile's handout on digitized newspapers to our website. Look for it at the bottom of the "Home" page on our website. .

* Someone recommended the subscription site, newspapers.com.

2. **Newsletter:** Continue sending newsletter submissions related to genealogy topics to Ron DeYoung.

3. **Facebook page:** Sue – <https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>

Library Committee -

Librarian:

Historian: Faye

Photographer: We need a society photographer for 2017.

Unfinished Business

Linda gave a progress report on the “Around Benton County” a series of historical articles about organizations and community centers in Benton County.

1. Response from the **Monroe** and the **Aisea** Library, they will post our information in their libraries.
2. Response from Marys River Grange, they will submit an article about the history of their grange. (celebrating their 90th year in March).
3. Lyle Utt talked about a display at the Corvallis Public Library honoring the 150th Anniversary National Celebration of the Grange and encouraged members to go see it.
4. April’s newsletter featured an interview with William Corcoran talking about his military service at Camp Adair 1945-46. Thank you to Faye Abraham and Susan Corcoran Hayes for sharing this interview and permitting Linda to submit it to our BCGS newsletter for publication.
4. Contact Linda if you have information about contact ideas, community newsletters or individuals that might be interested in writing an article about the history of a community in Benton County.

New Business

Sharing and Other

*George sent out the King Folk newsletter to our society members. Earle Greig wrote a wonderful article about his military years which is published in the King Folk newsletter.

*Lois talked about the queries she answers and asked for volunteers to help with the research associated with fulfilling these requests. She handed out a sign-up sheet.

*Linda brought an old newspaper celebrating V-E day dated May 8, 1945.

*Members shared ideas about locations to post our program posters.

*Pegge told about her success connecting with a 3rd cousin in the UK.

*Liza asked for help identifying old photographs sparking a lengthy group discussion about how to identify photos and family surnames in this area. Many members own family photographs with missing identifications.

*George offered to add a web page to our BCGS website dedicated to posting unidentified photographs. The “**Dead Fred**” website was also mentioned.

*Thank you to Jill VanBuren, who brought two large, oval-shaped photographs of the mystery portraits at our Benton County Courthouse. Jill explained how she found these lovely, old photographs and asked for help with their identifications. She will keep us informed.

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Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary