

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday December 9, 2017

Call to Order – Vice President Kathryn Moss

Kathryn welcomed members.

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

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Vice President - Kathryn

- a. Next Board Meeting will be **Wednesday January 10, 2018** at the Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm. **All members are welcome to join us.**
- b. **Next General Meeting will be Saturday January 13, 2018** in the church social hall at 10:00am with the Holiday Auction to follow at 11:00am.
- c. **Overview of the Day:** Katie Ross and Ted Gump will conduct the annual auction. The Annual Holiday Potluck will follow the auction.
- d. **Ballots for 2018** officers are available for last-minute voters. Votes will be counted and the results read at the meeting.
- e. It's time for **membership renewals**. Connie has membership forms.
- f. We need a new **newsletter editor** for our monthly newsletter.

Past President - Ron

Vice President - Kathryn Moss conducted our meeting today.

Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons

2017 December: **Annual Holiday Auction and potluck.**

2018

January: Erlinda Gonzales-Berry will speak about "The History of Mexicans in Oregon" and her connection to the first Spanish/Mexican colonizers to settle north of the Rio Grande in 1598.

February: Gail Downs is scheduled for a presentation on "**The Black Suitcase Mystery**".

March: Jan Meranda will present a program about the "**Letitia Carson Story**" with updates.

April: Tentatively, Ron Deyoung will present a program about his 10,000 mile research trip.

May: Keith Pyeatt - Topic has yet to be selected.

June: Annual potluck and possibly a BCGS book sale

Committee Reports

Membership: Connie reported that we have 34 membership renewals which is quite good for this early. Membership forms are available from Connie. It's not too early to pay dues for 2018.

Treasurer: Lois

Publication Committee

Web pages:

BCGS web page bcgs-oregon.org **Take a look!**

1. **Web page:** George is working with Family Search to digitize our BCGS published books.

2. **Newsletter:** Send newsletter items to George until we have a new newsletter editor. Contact George if you are interested in helping with the BCGS newsletter. George, as president, is the designated Board member who will continue e-mailing the newsletters. We need someone who will compose the newsletter as it has been designed or perhaps in a new format to give it a new look.

Several members who would contribute items for the newsletter is also welcomed.

3. **Facebook page:** Sue – See the updates on our facebook page.

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

Library Committee -

Librarian: The BCGS Librarians would like to have a book sale. Books, magazines, and journals have accumulated making enough for a book sale. Donations of your own genealogy books will be accepted.

Sue brought boxes of discontinued CDs from our BCGS Library to give away today.

She announced the Writing group will meet on Tuesday December 19th from 1 to 3pm in the Annex.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: If anyone is willing to be the society photographer please contact Linda Olsen.

Unfinished Business

Thank you to the individuals who helped make our annual December Auction and Potluck a wonderful experience.

*To Katie and Ted, our dynamic duo, who conducted our auction

*To Sandra Potter for tallying up the proceeds and keeping track of the total purchases for each person.

*To the members for their generous donation of items and purchases to make the auction possible and for the delicious always-to-be-remembered potluck dishes.

New Business

New officers will be sworn in on January 13, 2018, at the General Meeting.

The 2018 ballots were counted and the officers unanimously elected are:

President: George Davidson

Vice President: Kathryn Moss

Treasurer: Lois Courtney

Secretary: Linda Olsen

Other

Sandra introduced us to **Women of World War II**, a book about the Rosies, Waves, Wasps and many other groups of women who participated in WWII as pilots as well as many other significant services throughout the armed forces and at home to help the war effort.

Susan H. Spoke about the free webinars on Irish, Scottish, English and Welsh genealogy. See the flyer attached with days and times and URLs listed.

Linda Olsen asked for feed back on the lists of topics for our May speaker, Keith Pyeatt.

Next Meetings

Board: Wednesday January 10, 2018, 12:30 to 2:00pm at the Philomath Community Library

General: Saturday January 13, 2018, 10:00am in the church social hall, program at 11:00am.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary

FREE WEBINARS

Our next 4 webinars are FREE! Each of the instructors of British Institute 2018 will present a webinar that will give us a taste of what a week in their class will look like. Here's the line up:

- 1** Saturday January 13, 2018 at 11:00 am Eastern, **Fintan Mullan** on Irish genealogy research: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8213158730604744962>.
- 2** Wednesday February 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm Eastern, **Paul Milner** on Scottish genealogy research: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8160244733518060802>.
- 3** Saturday March 10, 2018 at 11:00 am Eastern, **Else Churchill** on English genealogy research: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2733702951164466690>.
- 4** Saturday April 14, 2018 at 11:00 am Eastern, **Beryl Evans** on Welsh genealogy research: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3841800665241802242>.

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webinars with others!**