

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday February 11, 2017**

Call to Order – President George Davidson

George welcomed members and visitors.

Minutes– Linda The January 14, 2017, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - George

- a. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday March 8, 2017, at the Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm.
All members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.
- b. Next General Meeting: Saturday March 11, 2017, in the church social hall at 10:00am with the program to follow at 11:00am.
- c. George gave an overview of today's program he will be presenting on Legacy software and welcomed members to the Annex following the program for refreshments.

Past President - Ron

Vice President - Kathryn Moss

Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons

February: George will demonstrate the Legacy genealogy software and the new BCGS website.

March: Dawn Carlile's presentation will be "Using Online Digitized Newspapers in Your Genealogical Research."

April: Ron DeYoung will demonstrate the research capabilities of the Family Search Wiki website.

May: Hannah Allan's topic is "History for the Genealogist and How to Use Historical Societies."

June: Annual Potluck

SUMMER BREAK

September: Show and Tell, sharing and gathering back together.

October: Don Anderson's presentation title is "From Native American to Scottish: The Journey to find my First Parents and it all started in Corvallis."

November: TBA

December: Annual Holiday Auction and potluck.

Committee Reports

Membership: Connie reported that we have 41 paid memberships, several life memberships and one complimentary membership. Some members have yet to renew their memberships.

Treasurer / Finance Committee

Treasurer: Lois reported our largest expenses have been paid for this year. Our current balance is \$5,540.99.

Publication Committee

Web pages:

BCGS website is in progress www.bcgs-oregon.org Take a look and see what's new!

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/>Benton Co., OR, Gen Web Page

1. **New Web page**: George

About 70 BCGS newsletters have been posted to the new web page. The site is under construction with improvements and additions being added frequently.

2. **Newsletter**: Continue sending newsletter articles to Ron DeYoung.

3. **Facebook page**: Sue

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

Library Committee - Sue

Librarian:

*The Writer's group will meet the third Tuesday February 21 from 1 to 3pm in the Annex.

*Newsletters from other genealogical societies are in a notebook in the BCGS Library.

*Magazines and Journals are being organized and stored on the cart in the library.

*Category numbers on library books are being relabeled to make them easier to read and will speed up the inventory process.

*A WISH LIST folder is on top of the vertical file in the library. Members may add to this list. A statement in the WISH LIST folder explains that specific books may be ordered for our library with the approval of the library staff and with the member paying half of the cost.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: We need a society photographer for 2017.

Unfinished Business

Linda explained an "Outreach to Benton County Communities" plan and asked for help from the members to locate contact people in small communities in Benton County. Individuals, museums, newsletters, granges, libraries, Chambers of Commerce and social media are sources to help locate people who may be interested in visiting our society. It would be a way to connect with folks who might not otherwise be aware of our society and invite them to visit our society.

Anyone located that has historical knowledge of a Benton County community may be invited to write an article on the history of their community to be published in our newsletter.

New Business

Other

The Annex will be closed February 18 because the floor is being refinished.

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Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary