

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

**Call to Order – President George Davidson**

George welcomed members and several visitors

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

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

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**President - George**

- a. Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday April 5, 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 April 8, 2017, in the church social hall at 10:00am with the program to follow at 11:00am.
- c. George gave an overview of the day and announced the program, "Using Online Digitized Newspapers in your Genealogical Research" by Dawn Carlile. Everyone is invited for coffee and refreshments at the Annex following the program.
- d. George asked the visitors to introduce themselves and tell about their genealogy.

**Past President - Ron**

**Vice President - Kathryn Moss**

**Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons**

March: Dawn Carlile will present a program on digital newspapers.

April: Ron DeYoung will demonstrate how to effectively search the Family Search Wiki web site

May: Hannah Allan is scheduled to present a program in May.

June: Annual Pot Luck.

Summer Break; however, the BCGS Library will be open during the summer.

September: Show and Tell and sharing.

October: Don Anderson will present a program in October.

November: TBA

December: Annual Holiday Auction and potluck.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Connie reported that we currently have 49 memberships. She welcomed the several visitors today.

**Treasurer:** Lois reported that our current balance is \$5,636.86. We are in good shape financially. She also announced a Mac Users meeting to be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> and invited any other Mac users in our group to attend.

**Publication Committee**

Web pages:

**New** BCGS web page is in progress <http://www.bcgs-oregon.org> Take a look!

1. **New Web page:** George

George added two photos of the Annex to our web page. Click on the Library tab.

George has redacted member identification information from the newsletters posted online.

2. **Newsletter:** Send newsletter articles of genealogical interest to Ron DeYoung.

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

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

## **Library Committee -**

Librarian:

\*Writer's group will meet Tuesday March 21st 1:00-3:00pm in the Annex. New members are always welcome.

\*A notebook of current newsletters is now in the BCGS Library.

\*Also see the booklet of what's new in the library for 2016-2017.

\*The wish list for the library is in a notebook for you to add your ideas. So far a magazine subscription to a well-known genealogy magazine has been suggested.

\*The Library inventory is coming up in June, so please return any library books to the library before June.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: We need a society photographer for 2017. If you are interested, please contact Linda Olsen.

## **Unfinished Business**

Linda gave an update on the Outreach to Benton County Communities plan to be titled "Around Benton County", a series of informational and historical articles about organizations and communities in Benton County.

1. Response from the Monroe Library, they will post our information in their library.
2. Response from Marys River Grange Hall, they will submit an article about their history of the grange. They will be celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> year in March 2017.
3. Articles about the history of Camp Adair will be submitted.

## **New Business**

### **Other**

\*Susan Hayes told about someone's scrapbook photos left on the copy machine at Bi Mart recently. How to reunite these photos with the owner was discussed.

\*Mary Dean announced that the Rootsmagic users group will meet soon at Ann and Smart's home on March 25th.

## **Next Meetings**

Board: Wednesday April 5, 2017, 12:30 to 2:00pm at the Philomath Community Library

General: Saturday April 8, 2017, 10:00am in the church social hall, program at 11:00am.

## **Adjournment to Program**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary