

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday May 13, 2017**

Call to Order – President George Davidson

George welcomed members and new members.

Minutes– Linda The April 8, 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 June 7, 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 June 10, 2017**, in the church social hall at 10:00am with the program to follow on dating photographs - followed by a potluck.
- c. Overview: Hannah Allan's program topic today is "Incorporating History into Genealogy".

Past President - Ron

Vice President - Kathryn Moss

Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons

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

June: Dating old photographs followed by our annual Pot Luck.

July and August – no meetings during Summer Break - Our BCGS Library will be open as usual through the summer–Tuesdays and Saturdays 1:00 to 3:30pm.

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 51 paid memberships plus several complimentary memberships. Connie introduced and welcomed new members.

Treasurer: No Report

Publication Committee

Web pages:

BCGS web page bcgs-oregon.org **Take a lookat what's new!**

1. **Web page:** George

*See the new photo page for members to post unidentified family photos. Contact George if you have an unidentified photo to add.

*See the easier to read web pages with more contrast making the print on the tabs more visible.

2. **Newsletter:** Continue sending newsletter submissions of genealogical interest to Ron DeYoung.

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

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

Library Committee -

Librarian:

*Writer's group will meet Tuesday **May 16** 1:00-3:00pm in the Annex

*Library inventory date has been changed to **June 16**.

*Sue passed around a sign-up sheet requesting more library volunteers and extra volunteers who can step in for a regular volunteer when needed.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: If anyone is willing to take photographs of our speakers and casual photos at our meetings. please contact Linda Olsen.

Unfinished Business

1. Linda reviewed the article about Marys River Grange written by Jay Sexton, Grange Master, and published in the May BCGS Newsletter. (MRG is celebrating their 90th year and it is the 150th year celebration of Granges Nationally).

Also see the Grange display at the Philomath Library until May 31.

2. If you have contact ideas or know about community newsletters or individuals that might be interested in writing an article about Benton County history, contact Linda Olsen.

3. Another potential program: **The Black Suitcase Mystery**, information is pending.

3. Linda proposed a short, **Hands-on program for June on "Dating old Photographs"**.

What to Bring:

* magnifying glass

* measuring tape

* a photo of your own or you may use some of the many old photos Linda will bring

* reference books on dating photographs

New Business

Susan H. told about a subscription newspaper website, Newspapers.com (1910-1964). She discovered a 72 page section in the Corvallis Gazette Times celebrating the Diamond Jubilee dated July 24, 1937, with lots of historical information about Corvallis.

Other

Next Meetings

Board: Wednesday June 7, 2017, 12:30 to 2:00pm at the Philomath Community Library

General: Saturday June 10, 2017, 10:00am in the church social hall, program to follow .

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary