

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

Call to Order – President George Davidson

George welcomed members and new members: Ellane and Ann

Minutes– Linda The October 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 will be **Wednesday December 6, 2017**, at the Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm. **All members are welcome to attend**
- b. **Next General Meeting will be Saturday December 9, 2017**, in the church social hall at 10:00am with the program to follow at 11:00am
- c. Overview of the Day: “Honoring Our Veterans” Members and veterans are invited to speak as well as bring displays designed around Veterans Day.
- d. Coffee and refreshments served at the Annex following the program.
- e. George handed out the sign up sheet for refreshments for 2018.
- f. Be sure to vote for 2018 officers. Ballots will be available at the December meeting.
- g. BCGS December Holiday auction and potluck. The auction is held in the social hall where we meet and the potluck is served in the Annex. Come to enjoy good food, visit or use the BCGS Library.

Past President - Ron

Vice President - Kathryn Moss



**Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons
2017**

November: **Honoring Our Veterans**, members are invited to bring memorabilia of their service or an ancestor's service including clothing, photos, stories and memories. Several speakers will begin the program. Find out where to locate military records.

December: **Our Society's Annual Holiday Auction and Pot Luck Party**. Lots of laughter and fun and helps raise funds for our society.

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. A toddler bed thought to be from the Carson family is in the BCHM that we can view following Jan's March program.

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

May: TBA

June: potluck

Committee Reports

Membership: Lois reported that we have several new members. Yearly membership dues may be paid now for your 2018 membership. Memberships are \$20. Newsletters are e-mailed; if you need paper copies mailed to your address they are an additional \$10.

Treasurer: Lois reported our income and expenses. Our current balance is \$5,815.91. The once a

year large expenses for our meeting space in the church social hall and the Annex have been paid.

VOTE:

If you have not voted yet for 2018 society officers, snip out the ballot in the newsletter and bring it or mail it to BCGS, P O Box 1646, Philomath, OR. Ballots will be counted at the December meeting.

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 and Benton County marriage certificates and selected GazetteTimes newspapers1881-1925.
 2. **Newsletter:** Continue sending newsletter items of genealogical interest to George until we have a new newsletter editor. Contact George if you are interested in helping with the BCGS newsletter.
 3. **Facebook page:** Sue – See the updates on our facebook page. See the Legacy genealogy videos on our facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>
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Library Committee -

Librarian: Sue invited members to attend the writing class. This month the writing class will meet on Tuesday November 14 because of the holidays; otherwise, the writing class meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Annex from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Historian: Faye

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

Unfinished Business

Remember to start gathering items together for the Annual December Holiday Auction Dec 9th. It's such fun and contributes to the society funds. For ideas on what to bring, see a suggested list of items in the December newsletter.

New Business

Other

*Check out the many **Legacy** genealogy software videos and webinars on our web site at www.bcgs-oregon.org They are free for a limited time.

*Ron Deyoung complimented George on his great job as our society president and all the time and effort he has contributed toward making our society grow and flourish.

Next Meetings

Board: Wednesday December 6, 2017, 12:30 to 2:00pm at the Philomath Community Library

General: Saturday December 9, 2017, 10:00am in the church social hall, program at 11:00am.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary