

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday October 14, 2017**

Call to Order – President George Davidson

George welcomed members and introduced new member, Laura, and guest, Charlotte.

Minutes– Linda The September 9, 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 November 8, 2017**, at the Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm. **All members are welcome to attend**
- b. **Next General Meeting will be Saturday November 11, 2017**, in the church social hall at 10:00am with the program to follow at 11:00am
- c. George has signed papers with Family Search to digitize our BCGS published books.
- d. Overview of the Day: program by Don Anderson “From Native American to Scottish” with book signing to follow the program.
- e. Contact George if you would like to be the BCGS newsletter editor.
- f. The annual Audit is complete.
- g. Coffee and refreshment will be served at the Annex following the program.

Past President - Ron

Vice President - Kathryn Moss

Programs - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons

October: Don Anderson’s program about “**From Native American to Scottish: The Journey to find my first parents. It all started in Corvallis!**” His book: **Paper and Spit: Family Found: How DNA and Genealogy Revealed my First Parent’ Identity** is now available.

November: Honoring Our Veterans, members are invited to bring memorabilia of their service or family member’s or an ancestor’s service such as: clothing, photos, medals, letters, stories and memories. Where to find military records will also be discussed.

December: Annual Holiday Auction and potluck.

Committee Reports

Membership: Connie reported that we have 61 memberships.

Treasurer: Lois reported our income and expenses and our current balance is \$6, 064.00

Publication Committee

Web pages:

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

1. **Web page:** George is working on adding digitized images of Benton County 1850-1945 marriage records and selected GazetteTimes newspapers dating from 1881-1925 to our BCGS web site.

2. **Newsletter:** Send newsletter items to George. Contact George if you are interested in becoming the BCGS newsletter editor or want to know more information.

3. **Facebook page:** Sue – See the updates on our facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>

4. **Published books:**

*George announced that he has signed a contract with Family Search to digitize our society published books and make them available for sale online.

*We received another large book order. Payment using Pay Pal on our new web site has made the transactions easier.

Library Committee -

Librarian:

*The CDs in our library have become obsolete as the information is readily available online.

*Sue invited members to join the writer's group that meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Annex. The next writer's group is October 17th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Historian: Faye

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

Unfinished Business

1. Gail Downs may present a program in February on **The Black Suitcase Mystery** tentative.
2. Jan Meranda is confirmed and scheduled to present a program on the "**Letita Carson Story**" with updates in March. Toddler bed from the Carson family is in the BCHM that we may be able to see.
3. If you have contact ideas, community newsletters or individuals that might be interested in writing an article about Benton County history, please contact Linda Olsen.
4. November's program will be Honoring our Veterans. Members are all invited to bring memorabilia about their service or an ancestor's service for display. Anyone who would like to is invited to tell about their display. Bring memorabilia which may include clothing, photographs, written stories, or your story to tell, service records, medals and so on.

New Business

Updates on digitizing our BCGS published books will be forthcoming as developments happen.

Other

Susan H. shared information about the building renaming discussions at OSU. She spoke about the process and invited our members to attend the meetings and discussion groups focused on the building renaming. Updates and information will be published online.

Goggle: "OSU Building Renaming" to follow developments.

Also watch for articles in the newspapers.

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Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary