

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday September 9, 2017**

Call to Order – President George Davidson

George welcomed members and new member, Marian.

Minutes – Linda The June 10, 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 October 11, 2017**, at the Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm. **All members are welcome to attend**
- b. **Next General Meeting will be Saturday October 14, 2017**, in the church social hall at 10:00am with the program to follow at 11:00am
- c. Ron DeYoung will be passing on the BCGS newsletter duties and will need a replacement soon. Let George know if you are interested in working on the newsletter.
- d. Sandra Potter offered to write the program review for today.
- e. Overview of the Day: Gathering back together and sharing.

Past President - Ron

Vice President - Kathryn Moss

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

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!" His book: **Paper and Spit: Family Found: How DNA ;and Genealogy Revealed my First Parent' Identity** is now available.

November: Honoring Our Veterans

December: Annual Holiday Auction and potluck.

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January: TBA

February: tentative program scheduled is the "**Black Suitcase Mystery**" by Gail Downs

March: tentative program scheduled is the "**Letita Carson Story**" presented by Jan Meranda

Committee Reports

Membership:

*Connie reported that we have 61 memberships.

*She also announced that back issues of magazines from our BCGS library will be available to members for a donation after the meeting today.

Treasurer:

*Lois reported our current balance is a little over \$6,000. Two large book orders accounted for much of the increased income.

*She explained the new budget that was approved at the September Board meeting and handed around a copy of the budget.

*Lois put together a BCGS End of Year Summary highlighting our accomplishments from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017. See summary at the end of the minutes.

*Lois also brought sign up sheets for: Refreshments, Mentors, Book Sales, Writing Program Reviews

Publication Committee

Web page: **BCGS web page** www.bcgs-oregon.org/ **Take a look!**

1. **Web page:**

*George has posted more unknown photos on the photos web page.

*George will meet with a representative from Family Search to discuss the possibility of digitizing our society published books.

2. **Newsletter:** Send newsletter items to George as Ron will be on an extended trip to Maine.

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

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

Library Committee -

Librarian:

*Sue announced the June library inventory went very smoothly.

*Connie hauled in many old magazines from our BCGS Library for members to peruse and purchase for a donation.

Historian: Faye

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

Unfinished Business

1. If you have contacts, ideas, community newsletters or know of individuals that might be interested in writing an article for our newsletter about Benton County history, contact Linda Olsen.
2. Bill McCash has been invited to present a program in November on **Bombs Over Brookings.**
3. If you have ideas for future programs you would like to see, please contact Linda Olsen.

New Business

Other

Susan Hayes brought genealogy magazines to give away.

Next Meetings

Board: Wednesday October 11, 2017, 12:30 to 2:00pm at the Philomath Community Library

General: Saturday October 14, 2017, 10:00am in the church social hall, program at 11:00am.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary

What We Did this Year
September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017
Benton County Genealogical Society

Net Income: \$829

This is partly due to the sale of \$430 worth of our books
And more income from both dues and the December Auction
Less expense than anticipated for programs

Bank Balance at August 31, 2017: \$6,044

Number of new members this year: 9!

Number of total members as of August 31st: 60

Library usage: 29 Non-BCGS folks used our library this year

Library Volunteers

- 10 volunteers and 3 alternates provided 260 hours for Tuesday and Saturday staffing
- We now have wifi in the library and two new computers!
- 8 volunteers are working to evaluate upstairs materials for retention, approximately 100 hours of work so far
- The annual inventory was accomplished in a single day with few missing books

Programs

- 10, including the December auction and the June Potluck
- We averaged about 31 people at the programs
- AND our programs and meetings have been enhanced by George's hand-held mike system

Writing Group

- An average of 10 writers met 8 times this last year, and will continue into this new year. All are welcome to join them. Tuesday September 19th at 1:00.