

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday February 10, 2018**

Call to Order – President George

George welcomed members and several new members.

Minutes– Linda The January 13, 2018, 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 March 7, 2018**, at the Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm. **All members are welcome to join us.**
- b. **Next General Meeting will be Saturday March 10, 2018**, in the church social hall at 10:00am with the program to follow at 11:00am.
- c. **Overview of the Day:** Gail Downs is the program speaker presenting the Black Suitcase Mystery. Everyone is invited for refreshments following the program
- d. Our society ByLaws are now posted on our new web site bcgs-oregon.org

Past President - Ron

Vice President - Kathryn Moss

Programs 2018 - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons

February 10: Gail Downs will present a program on "**The Black Suitcase Mystery**".

March 10: Jan Meranda will present a program about the "**Letitia Carson Story**" with updates. Meet Jane Kirkpatrick, author, who will also speak at the March 10th program.

April 14: Ron Deyoung will present a program.

May 12: Keith Pyeatt will speak on Immigration and Naturalization

June 9: Annual potluck

Summer Break for July and August

Our BCGS Library will remain open during the summer at the regular times.

September 8: Gathering Back together and sharing Genealogical research

October 13: Sandy Potter will present a program on Women of World War II

November 10: Lois will present a program on Ancestry and DNA

December 8: Annual Holiday Auction and Potluck

Committee Reports

Membership: Connie reported that we have **53** memberships and acknowledged our new members attending today.

Connie also reminded members to save Santiam canned vegetable labels and Flav R Pac frozen foods labels as a society fund raiser. Give your labels with the bar code intact to Connie anytime.

Treasurer: Lois reported our income and expenses. Our current balance is \$6,458.25. There will be additional expenses throughout the year, but overall we are doing well.

Publication Committee

Web pages:

BCGS website bcgs-oregon.org **Take a look!**

1. **Web page:** George added the society ByLaws to the society web page.

2. **Newsletter:** We need a new newsletter editor. Contact George if you are interested in helping with the BCGS newsletter. The number of newsletters published per year have been reduced to three until a new newsletter person or persons can be found. George will continue to be responsible for e-mailing the newsletters no matter who is newsletter editor.

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

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

Library Committee -

Librarian: See the newsletters and magazines for sale for a donation in the upstairs area of our BCGS Library. Also included are magazine holders and plastic CD holders. The items marked for sale are designated by pink ribbons. After the end of March 2018, the newsletters, magazines and extra holders for sale will be recycled. A book sale is scheduled for September.

Sue asked for volunteers to help with copying and mailing published materials and volunteers who would be interested in recommending good genealogy books for our library. Contact Sue if you are interested in helping.

Sue announced the Writing group will meet on Tuesday February 20th from 1 to 3pm in the Annex.

Historian: Faye is continuing to update our society scrapbook.

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

Unfinished Business

Jan Meranda our March speaker will talk about the “**Letitia Carson Story**”. A toddler bed thought to be from the Carson family is in the BCHM that we will have an opportunity to see following the March program.

Janet Meranda wrote **Freedom's Light: The Letitia Carson Story Begins**, the first book in a series.

Letitia Carson was the inspiration for Jane Kirkpatrick’s novel **A Light in the Wilderness**

Bob Zybach and Janet Meranda have collaborated on researching the details of Letitia Carson’s history for nearly thirty years. Meet Jane Kirkpatrick, author, who will also speak at the March 10th program. Books will be for sale.

New Business

Other

Next Meetings

Board: Wednesday March 7, 2018, 12:30 to 2:00pm at the Philomath Community Library

General: Saturday March 10, 2018, 10:00am in the church social hall, program at 11:00am.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary