

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday January 13, 2018**

Call to Order – President George

George welcomed members and new members.

Minutes– Linda The December 9, 2017, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Officer and Committee Reports:

President - George

- a. **Next Board Meeting** will be **Wednesday February 7, 2018** at the Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm. **All members are welcome to attend.**
- b. **Next General Meeting** will be **Saturday February 10, 2018** in the church social hall at 10:00am with the program to follow at 11:00am.
- c. Overview of the Day: Erlinda Gonzales-Berry is the program speaker today. Everyone is invited for refreshments in the Annex following the program
- d. Installation of Officers for 2018–Bill Gleaves installed the officers.
- e. Lois formally thanked the many volunteers that work for the society behind the scenes.
- f. We need a newsletter editor. George opened the discussion about publishing newsletters three times a year instead of monthly. There were no objections.

Past President - Ron

Vice President - Kathryn Moss

Programs 2018 - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons

January 13: 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 10: Gail Downs will talk about “**The Black Suitcase Mystery**”– A World War II Remembrance.

March 10: Jan Meranda will present a program about the “**Letitia Carson Story**” with updates.

April 14: Tentatively, Ron Deyoung will present a program about his 10,000 mile research trip.

May 12: Keith Pyeatt will speak about **Immigration and Naturalization**

June 9: Annual potluck and possibly a book sale

July and August =Summer Break

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

September 8: Gathering Back together and sharing Genealogical research

October 13: Lois will present a program on **Ancestry and DNA**

November 10: TBA

December 8: Annual Holiday Auction and Potluck

Committee Reports:

Membership: Connie reported that we have 44 memberships already. Membership forms are available from Connie. She asked new members to introduce themselves and tell about what they are researching.

Treasurer: Lois reported our income and expenses. Our current balance is \$6,203.11. Our fiscal year runs from September through August.

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.
2. **Newsletter:** Send newsletter items to George until we have found a new newsletter editor. Contact George if you are interested in helping with the BCGS newsletter. George, as president, is the designated Board member who will continue e-mailing the newsletters no matter who is newsletter editor. We need someone who will compose the newsletter as it has been designed or using a new format. Several members who would contribute items for the newsletter is also welcome.
3. **Facebook page:** Sue – See the updates on our Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>

Library Committee

Librarian:

*Sue announced several donations: Grace donated an early Philomath phone book to our BCGS Library. Also Bill Gleaves donated a popular new book titled Pioneers of Massachusetts 1620-1650 which was already being passed around the room.

*Sue announced the next BCGS Writing group will meet on Tuesday January 16th from 1 to 3pm in the Annex. This informal group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Anyone is welcome to attend a writing class anytime

*A proposed Book Sale in June is under discussion.

Historian: Faye

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

Unfinished Business

New Business

Other

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

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Olsen, Secretary

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