

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

**Call to Order – President George**

George welcomed members.

**Minutes– Linda** The February 10, 2018, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

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**President - George**

- a. **Next Board Meeting: Wednesday April 11, 2018**, at the Philomath Library 12:30--2:00pm.  
**All members are welcome.**
- b. **Next General Meeting: Saturday April 14, 2018**, in the church social hall at 10:00am with the program to follow at 11:00am.
- c. **Overview of the Day:** Janet Meranda and Jane Kirkpatrick are the program speakers today presenting the Letitia Carson Story. A toddler bed thought to be from the Carson family is in the BCHM. It will be available to view following the program.

**Past President - Ron**

**Vice President - Kathryn Moss** will introduce the speakers.

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**Programs 2018 - Linda Olsen and Maridee Symons**

**March 10:** Jan Meranda and Jane Kirkpatrick will speak about the "**Letitia Carson Story**".

**April 14:** Ron Deyoung will present a program on his discoveries and research on the East Coast.

**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 – Tues. and Sat. 1:00 - 3:30pm

**September 8:** Gathering Back together and sharing Genealogical Research and **Book Sale**

**October 13:** Sandra 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

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**Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Connie reported that we have 63 memberships including 11 new memberships.

**Treasurer:** Lois reported our income and expenses. Our current balance is \$6,692.32.

**Publications**

Web pages:

BCGS web page [bcgs-oregon.org](http://bcgs-oregon.org) **Take a look!**

1. **Web page:** George talked about the society published books that will be available for sale as digital copies on our web site soon. Purchases can be made through PayPal.

2. **Newsletter:** Send newsletter items 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.  
<https://www.facebook.com/BentonCountyGenealogicalSociety/>

## **Library Committee -**

Librarian: Sue announced the old Library materials no one uses anymore will continue to be sold for a donation until May. The items are marked with pink tape in the upstairs area of our BCGS Library.

Sue explained that one printed copy of each of our published books will be available in our BCGS Library and the museum, and digital copies will be available on our web site.

Sue announced the Writing Group will meet on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Annex. The annual library inventory is scheduled for June.

Historian: Faye

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

## **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

#### **Many questions developed around the idea of moving our BCGS Library to a larger space.**

Members were encouraged to send their ideas, questions and comments to George using the society web site “contact feature” or just send him an e-mail. The Board will review the comments and find out who to talk to about the possibility of a new library space.

#### **Ideas discussed included possibly having a space at the Benton County Public Library in downtown Corvallis.**

Issues & comments: How permanent would this arrangement be? Would more volunteers be needed to cover more hours, would the number of people using our genealogical materials increase and possibly increase our membership? Would we have a designated room for meetings and programs separate from other areas of the library? Would parking downtown be an issue? Speakers cannot be paid at the public library.

**Another idea was possibly having space at the Benton County Historical Museum.** Many of the same questions would apply about permanency, needing more volunteers, and a room of our own to hold meetings and possibly programs. The convenience of parking, museum resources and a short distance to walk between our current library in the Annex and the meeting/program space in the church social hall was mentioned.

## **Other**

### **See You at the Next Meetings:**

Board Meeting: Wednesday April 11, 2018, 12:30 to 2:00pm at the Philomath Community Library  
General Meeting : Saturday April 14, 2018, 10:00am in the church social hall, program at 11:00am.

## **Adjournment to Program**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary