

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday November 10, 2018

Call to Order – President George

George welcomed members and guests and acknowledged our Veterans.

Minutes– Linda The October 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 December 5, 2018**, at the Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm. **All members are welcome to join us.**
- b. Next General Meeting will be **Saturday December 8, 2018**, in the church social hall at 10:00am with the **Holiday Silent Auction to follow at 11:00am**. Bring items for the silent auction and don't forget that pies, cakes and cookies also make good sales.
- c. Voting for new officers will take place at the December meeting. Sharing duties in partners is workable. We really need someone to step up and fill our Secretary position beginning in January 2019. Maybe two members could share duties.
- d. A laptop is now in the library to replace the defunct computer.
- e. George presented the idea of a silent auction for our December auction this year and discussed how that would work and emphasized that food always sells well. He will send out an e-mail reminder for the silent auction before December 8th.
- f. **Overview of the Day:** Today, Douglas Sackinger is presenting a program about–
Finding and Understanding Old Maps

Past President - Ron DeYoung

Vice President - Kathryn Moss

Programs - Linda Olsen reviewed the program schedule and asked for program ideas for 2019.

Programs Scheduled for 2018

November 10 : Douglas Sackinger will present **Finding and Understanding Old Maps**.

December 8: Annual **Holiday Auction** and Potluck

Programs Scheduled for 2019

January 12: Ted Cox will tell about his book **Murray Loop** and writing techniques he used.

February 9: Danell Aukerman will demonstrate **How to Research Genealogy on the Internet**.

March 9: Ann Smart will demonstrate the basics of **Rootsmagic** and talk about recent updates.

April 13: Pam Vestal will talk about **Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret**.

May 11: Leanne Trask will present **Pitfalls of German Genealogy**.

June 8: TBA and potluck

Reports

Membership: Connie reported that we have 65 memberships for 2018 and 22 renewal memberships for 2019. Membership forms were available at the November meeting. Signing up early for 2019 memberships and filling out the form completely is helpful. A membership form and a ballot will be published in the December Newsletter. Voting will be in December.

Treasurer: Lois passed around the income and expenses financial page. Our current balance is \$6,625.19. Large once a year payments are coming due soon. She also asked for several more members to sign up to write a program review. It's good to have more than one or two voices writing the reviews.

Publications: BCGS website [bcgs-oregon.org](http://www.bcgs-oregon.org)

1. **Website:** George added the November newsletter to our website and also the multi page handouts from our November 10th program on Finding and Understanding Old Maps. Find the handouts on our BCGS website under Monthly Programs and scroll down to November 10th.
<http://www.bcgs-oregon.org/main-site/monthly-programs>

2. **Newsletter:** George acknowledged Ann Bateman for the great job she is doing on our newsletter. Send articles for the BCGS Newsletter to Ann.

3. **Facebook page:** Sue

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



Library- Sue

*Sue announced the Writing group will **NOT** meet on Tuesday November 20th because of the Thanksgiving holidays. The group will meet in December.

*Sue asked members to vote on which journals to keep and which to continue saving in the library.

*Sue announced there were free books in the Annex which will soon be discarded.

*Two new books have been purchased in memory of two members – Ted Gump and Peggy Haney.

*Another new book has just arrived: Black Potatoes.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: We need someone to take photos at our meetings.(See Linda if you can help.)

Unfinished Business Volunteers are needed to:

* write a program review one time per year

* provide refreshments one time per year – 3 volunteers are needed each month. See Pegge

* count supplies: paper plates, cups and utensils and make coffee once a month

* manage our Facebook page once a month

* work on temporary projects in the BCGS Library (See Sue if you can help.)

* take photos at our gatherings. (See Linda if you can help.)

* be the society secretary or two volunteers can divide up the tasks. (See Linda if you can help. Take a turn to write in your own style and send the minutes to George for distribution.)

New Business

Other

Next Meetings

Board: Wednesday December 5, 2018, 12:30 to 2:00pm at the Philomath Community Library

General: Saturday December 8, 2018, 10:00am in the church social hall, Silent Auction 11:00am.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary