

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday September 8, 2018

Call to Order – President George

George welcomed members and, John, a new member

Minutes– Linda The June 9, 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 October 10, 2018**, at the Philomath Library 12:30 to 2:00pm. **All members are welcome to join us.**
- b. Next General Meeting will be **Saturday October 13, 2018**, in the church social hall at 10:00am with the program to follow at 11:00am.
- c. **Overview of the Day:** Today, following the General Meeting will be our Gathering Together time to show or tell about our recent genealogical discoveries or activities. Refreshments will be in the church social hall. The BCGS Book Sale will be held in the Annex immediately following the Gathering Together time.

Past President -

Vice President - Kathryn Moss

Programs - Linda Olsen reviewed the program schedule and asked for program ideas for February and May. Danell volunteered to present a program on Genealogy Internet Research in February.

Programs Scheduled for 2018

September 8: Gathering Back Together and sharing Genealogical Research and Book Sale

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

November 10: Douglas Sackinger will present a program about **How to Read Maps.**

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

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

February 9: TBA

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

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

Committee Reports

Membership: Connie reported that we have 65 memberships.

Treasurer: Linda passed around the income and expenses financial page for Lois. Our current balance is \$6,141.69.

Publications:

BCGS web page bcgs-oregon.org



1. **Web page:** George reported that Rootsmagic and Legacy genealogy software are now on our computers in the upstairs section of our BCGS Library. Librarians are there to help researchers and George can help get you started on either one of these great genealogy software programs.

2. **Newsletter:** George thanked Ann Bateman for taking over the BCGS Newsletter and doing such a great job. Ann commented that she needs items submitted for each newsletter.

3. **Facebook page:** Sue

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

Library- Sue

*Sue announced the Writing group will meet on Tuesday September 18th from 1 to 3pm in the Annex and invited everyone who would like to write their family stories.

*Sue thanked all those members who donated books for the Book Sale. Sue thanked Grace, Nancy, and Ellen for helping with the set up and organizing materials. She invited everyone to the Annex for the Book Sale later today.

*The library also needs more volunteers to be available as substitutes. See Lois if you can help.

Historian: Faye

Photographer: If anyone is willing to take photos at our meetings occasionally, please see Linda Olsen.

Unfinished Business

Volunteers needed for:

*to write a program review one time per year

*to train as a librarian or substitute librarian

*to manage our Facebook page once a month

*to bring refreshments one time per year (we really need 3 volunteers per month)

New Business

Other

Lois helped research information for an article written by Millie Brombal for the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society quarterly, **Ancestors West**. Linda passed around a copy of the publication showing the article and photo of the Helm-Hout House at 844 S.W. 5th St., Corvallis. Lois also took the photo for the article. Ms. Brombal had lived in the Helm-Hout House as a child.

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Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary