

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, April 12, 2008

Minutes – Linda Olsen

Bill welcomed members and guests. Minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed the income and expenses for the last month. Our current balance is \$3,733.31

Programs – David Kribs

Dave described the presentation we will see today on Researching Immigration and Naturalization using genealogical web sites. Other tentative programs for May and June are photo restoration and current Genealogy Methods. Our annual potluck picnic will follow the meeting in June.

Let Dave or Bill know if you have ideas for future programs.

Hostess – Betty Brummett

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra reported that the new library cart is here. She has been working to arrange the family histories on the cart which has left more room on the book shelves. The Irene Harding collection is receiving some attention and more organization and cleaning is taking place in the library.

Damaris donated magazines of genealogical interest.

The annual library inventory will take place in June. Let Sandra know if you can help with the inventory.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Leila reported that we now have 111 individual and family members.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing –Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Damaris brought a CD on New England ancestry covering the time period between the 1500s to the 1800s. Damaris reads the ads and catalogs searching for new genealogical books, but there isn't much published that we don't already have in our library. The subject of insuring the contents of our library was discussed again.

Queries -

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Teri is always searching for interesting material for our newsletter. Forward items from other newsletters or genealogy meetings you have attended. It is helpful if you put BCGS in the subject line of your e-mail to her.

Receiving your newsletter by e-mail greatly reduces the publishing expenses.

Service Projects

Benton County GenWeb page – Danell Aukerman/Ron and Linda Olsen

Updates for the web pages:

1. See the “Benton County Family Bibles” on our Benton County GenWeb page <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/>. Earle showed the copies of the 1830 Witham Family Bible and Janice Barclay brought her family bible which has many family names and dates written in.
2. Also see the updated Pioneer Database and new cemetery map that Danell has added to our Benton County GenWeb page.

Cemetery Project --

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Historian – Lee Rudisill

Old Business

DNA kits - no results received yet by members submitting their DNA samples.

Bill mentioned the CNN article published in the Corvallis newspaper recently titled the “Study: 95% of Native Americans Descended from Six Women.”

New Business

Bill explained the affiliate memberships which are now offered to members of the Genealogical Society . If you are already a society member, when it’s time to renew your Benton county Historical Society and Museum membership, let them know that you are a Benton County Genealogical Society member to receive a reduced cost membership.

The value of family bibles as genealogical records was discussed. Members shared their good fortune, receiving information through the kindness of others. Damaris related some of her family history in China and the documentation that was given to her.

It was brought to our attention that some antique stores will throw away old family bibles that have writing in them. It was suggested that we make it a society crusade to save as many of these old bible treasures as possible.

Bill mentioned that it’s a good idea to take a copy of your personal genealogy when you go visit other genealogy libraries and also leave your contact information with them.

Health and Welfare:

Danell is doing well, and Teri is recovering from surgery. Jean and Joe Grube are now at Stoney Brook assisted living.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be Monday, April 28, 2008

The next General meeting will be Saturday, May 10, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary