

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, April 11, 2009**

Minutes – Linda Olsen

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

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Gene reviewed the income and expenses. Our current balance is \$3,562.72. Bill explained that the uneven amounts in the income and expenses each month are due to once a year payments such as rent, buying stamps ahead before the cost increases, publishing costs, etc.

Programs – David Kribs

Following the raffle drawings, Dave lead a program discussion focused on adoptions and foster children and how to search for their records. A historical reenactment is tentatively scheduled for May. The June meeting will be our annual potluck picnic. Then summer break until September.

Host – Dean Johnson

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra introduced a new library volunteer, Nancy deBoie. Sandra brought several new items from the library to show including a calendar of historically significant trees. Bill mentioned that the heritage oak tree at Heritage Mall in Albany is still standing. Several duplicate books were for sale after the meeting.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Membership is down to 93 members. Previous members will be contacted to stimulate interest in rejoining our society.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing –Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

Damaris ordered two new books: Social Networking describes how to socially network with others interested in genealogy using the most recent genealogy tools and web sites. Conversations is a collection of interviews by Fred Lockley from the early 1900s.

Queries -

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Teri would like someone to volunteer to help her with typing the newsletter. Publishing the WPA interviews in the newsletter was discussed. Members are encouraged to publish more queries in the newsletter. Teri mentioned that the Oregon Trail Museum in Oregon City has closed.

Bill encouraged members to receive their newsletter via e-mail if at all possible and reminded us to use BCGS in the subject line for any e-mail sent to Teri.

Service Projects

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

Updates for the web pages:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> 21 total

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Surname File – Tonya Rawie
Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt
Historian – Lee Rudisill

Old Business

Raffle drawing - congratulations to the winners!

1. Two hours computer assistance or photo restoration - Teri Greene
2. One hour airplane ride over Corvallis - Danell Aukerman
3. White afghan - Dean Johnson
4. HP Scanjet 4890, photo & slide scanner - Sandra Potter
5. Framed genealogy chart - Dolores Martin

New Business

Selling copies of our newspaper CDs was discussed. It was decided that a few could be sold for a small fee to help recoup our initial cost of digitizing part of the microfilm reels.

Billee read an article about a murder which was published in the Corvallis Gazette-Times November 6, 1885. The murder involved W.W. Saunders and Miss Allison. She found this intriguing article while skimming the old newspapers for surnames to record for the newspaper index project. Then a discussion ensued on the topic of where to look up records on executions and penal records, and whether those records are in a centralized location. Danell suggested checking with the State Archives.

Margaret is looking for volunteers to help with “Stories from the Grave” activities which will be held May 23rd at Crystal Lake Cemetery.

Bill will be a census taker for the 2010 census, and he explained how much different it will be than any previous census. Census takers will use a combination of resources including GPS devices and hand held computers and going door to door.

Ted Gump is searching for information about the “Goddess of Liberty” from 1928/29 near Pine Grove or Peoria. A 4th of July celebration would have included a young woman as the “Goddess of Liberty”.

A new historic DVD about Corvallis is being released titled Stories & Legends from the Heart of the Valley. The film premier was shown April 11th. DVDs will be for sale soon.

Health and Welfare:

The Grubes are doing fine.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be April 27, 2009

The next General meeting will be May 9, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-secretary