

THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, April 10, 2010

Call to Order – Margaret

In Margaret's absence, Susan Hayes welcomed members and guests. Craig Hendrix introduced himself.

Minutes – Linda Olsen

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Presidential Announcements:

1. May is historic preservation month and members are encouraged to participate in the Crystal Lake Cemetery event, "Stories from the Grave", on May 22. Brochures are available.
2. Footnote.com, the subscription database that offers many historical documents, has collaborated with our society to offer our members a one year subscription at half price, \$39.95. A discussion developed around the usefulness of Footnote as a research tool and five or six members were interested in the offer.

Treasurer – Gene Newcomb

Gene reported that this was the month that our expenses exceeded income which is usual at this time each year. Our current balance is \$3,642.60.

Librarian – Grace Maddux

Grace is working on sorting books and will have lots of books for sale soon.

Publishing – Earle Greig (no report)

Auditor – Bill Gleaves

Membership – Sandra Potter

Sandra reported our current membership is up to 64 which represents 83 individuals.

Hospitality – Dean Johnson (no report)

Programs – Susan Hayes

Susan previewed our program presentation for today on the Civil War in Oregon by Steve Betschart. Future scheduled programs include: Dating and Preserving Photographs by Larry Landis in May, and our annual potluck in June, Show and Tell in September and a tour of the OSU Archives Collection in October.

Newsletter – Teri Greene (no report)

Susan noted the long list of Civil War web sites Teri listed in this month's newsletter.

Historian – Lee Rudisil (no report)

Book Committee - Dean Hart (no report)

Queries -

This month Linda forwarded a query to Danell requesting more information on family names listed at the Pioneer Database for William Summers and Kenneth Phillips. Several other queries wanted to submit information and corrections to the database. They were encouraged to use the "post-em" feature on the Pioneer Database web page to enter their updates for the John Calhoun family and the Betty/Betsy Wilson family.

Service Projects

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

Updates for the web pages: Nothing required this month.

Benton County Family Bibles

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/FamilyBibles.htm> 29 total

GT Obituaries/Newspaper Project – Charlene Talbot/Linda Olsen

Surname References to Benton County Newspapers – updated May 31, 2009, - 15,500 entries

Still a ways to go to get the next 1,000 names posted online.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/newsproj.html>

Surname File – Tonya Rawie

Donation Land Claim Map – Dorothy Burt

Old/Unfinished Business

Dean Hart is providing transportation to the Genealogical Forum Spring Seminar. Contact Dean if you are interested in attending and to see if he has space left for more passengers.

Susan announced the results of the software survey: The top software programs members use are #1 Family Tree Maker and #2 Personal Ancestry File along with several others as well as pencil and paper.

New Business

Ted Gump showed the copy of the 1938 Metzger map book of Benton County he was donating to our society and the Historical Museum. He told about searching for his family in these map books and the difficulty he had in getting them copied. SP & B Reprographics printing service in downtown Corvallis was very helpful in making the over-sized copies at a very reasonable price.

Ted also showed an enlarged copy of a 1908 family post card decorated with a symbol of the Swastika. The ancient history of the Swastika used over 3,000 years ago was the topic for a discussion.

Earle Greig brought one notebook from of a series of notebooks which will be used to organize the copies of the Benton County marriage records. Earle asked for volunteers to come to the BCSG library on Tuesday afternoons to help place certificates in page protectors. Additional information has been added to some marriage records such as death certificates and Donation land Claim information. The notebooks will be available in our BCSG library as a resource.

Leila and Earle requested donations of new or good, used page protectors or funds to purchase boxes of page protectors to be used for the Benton County Marriage Records notebook project.

Susan announced that the May meeting will be held in the Fireside Room.

Susan announced the Raffle would begin following the meeting today.

Health and Welfare:

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be April 26, 2010

The next General meeting will be May 8, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Olsen, Secretary for General Meetings