

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, April 11, 2015**

Call to Order – President Ron

Ron welcomed members and guests.

Minutes– Linda The March 14, 2014, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

President - Ron

- a. Next General Meeting is May 9th, 10:00am with program following at 11:00am.
 - b. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 5th, 10:00am-noon at the Philomath Library.
- Everyone is welcome to attend.

Past President - Faye

*Faye related ideas for writing classes that had been discussed at the Board Meeting. Our BCGS writing classes will encourage writing your family history.

*Faye passed around a sign up sheet to determine interest in the writing classes.

*Ron encouraged participation and emphasized that these classes will help take members from the research stage to writing stories about family, utilizing all those records, photos, and notes you have collected and saved. Now is the time to use your data to write stories about individuals or whole families within your family line. His message was to record your memories and genealogy information in writing now and not put it off until it's too late. Don't let all your hard work of collecting photos and researching your family history go to waste. Start putting it together in a form that will be useful and interesting for generations to come.

Vice President/Programs-- Katie

*April's program will feature German and Prussian Research by LeAnne Trask.

*May's program will be planning your research trip with Mary Dean Snelling

*June will be our annual potluck.

*September will be show and tell about what discoveries you made over the summer or past year.

Committee Reports

Membership:

Treasurer / Finance Committee

Treasurer:

Lois reviewed the income and expenses. Our current balance is **\$4756.89**.

Publication committee

Web pages: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/> . . . Benton Co., OR, Gen Web Page
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/> . . . Benton Co. Genealogical Society

1. **Book Sales:**

2. **Newsletter:** Brad is not available to continue with the newsletter. Ron has taken on the newsletter

3. Web pages: Linda reported that the BCGS web pages have been updated. Most notably is the Claremont Cemetery that has been updated with additional information and some family history that was submitted. We are still contemplating how to best update the library shelf list.

4. BCGS Facebook:

Library Committee -

Librarian: Sue

*Sue stated that the BCGS Library inventory will be held June 12th. She will verify the date.

*Sue is putting together a new notebook: "**Various Checklists and Information for Copying**" which will be kept on top of the vertical files in the library. This notebook is full of charts, helpful genealogical web sites and tips specifically designed to help you with your research.

*Ron reinforced the extraordinary value of small societies and libraries. Sometimes these overlooked small institutions will have specific information about your family that does not exist anywhere else or even show up on the many Internet sites.

Historian: Faye will be taking pictures today.

Photographer: Faye

Unfinished Business

New Business

*Gene Newcomb has been taking care of collecting and mailing the Santiam and Flav-R-Pak food labels for years and will no longer be continuing this society project. Ron asked the membership if anyone else would like to take over this project. No volunteers came forward. Thank you to Gene for his many years of service to our society.

*Ron announced the beginning genealogy classes that Danell will be teaching through Parks and Recreation. See her schedule of classes listed in the April BCGS Newsletter or find more information in the Parks and Recreation catalog.

Other

Susan Hayes shared that adding more information about our programs in the newsletter would be helpful.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 10:00am in the Philomath Community Library

General Meeting: Saturday, May 9, 10:00am in the church social hall, program at 11:00am.

Adjournment to Program

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Secretary