

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, December 8, 2007

Minutes – Linda Olsen

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gene Newcomb

Our budget has remained about the same as last year. Gene reviewed the income and expenses, and the current amount is \$3,860.32.

Programs – David Kribs

Creative memories will present the program in January. Janice Barclay is tentatively scheduled for February. Let Dave know if you have any ideas for future programs.

Hostess – Betty Brummett

Librarian – Sandra Potter

Sandra showed resource books for the states of Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. These books are very useful for finding research sources available in each state.

Surplus books from the BCGS Library will be for sale following the meeting today and a new library shelf list will be available in January.

Bill spoke about family files he has seen at other genealogical societies. A discussion followed on the benefits of having informal family surname files made available to anyone doing research.

Membership – Leila Crawford

Leila said membership renewals are still coming in. Letting others know about our society meetings and especially letting them know about our outstanding library, is a good way to increase membership and develop interest in attending meetings. We need to help others become aware that our society has library resources for all states, not just Benton County.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil

Publishing – Earle Greig

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

No new purchases.

Queries -

Newsletter – Teri Greene

Teri received several informational e-mails with photos that may be of interest to those in Benton County. The photos will be posted on the bulletin-board in the annex.

1. W. T. Ford photo of Wallula, WA, which was rescued by Shelley Cardiel. She wanted to find someone from the Ford family and give them the photo. Contact: cardiels@comast.net
2. Tombstone photos of Frank and Elizabeth Jane Bellieu and Silas and Levina Stout in the Savannah Cemetery near North Pasedena, CA.
Contact: Warren Bower at warrenbower@sbcglobal.net

Teri mentioned that the Family Tree DNA Holiday Gift Certificates are now available and to see the December newsletter for more information.

Teri is always interested in receiving interesting stories to publish in the newsletter.

Bill mentioned again how beneficial it is to the society for members to receive their newsletters electronically if at all possible.

Service Projects

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

A new category for Benton County Family Bible pages has been added to the Benton County GenWeb page at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbenton/>. Find it on the menu under Benton County Information. Anyone with one or more Benton County surnames written in their family bibles may contribute information to this new site. Contact Linda Olsen for more information.

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

Sorenson DNA kits have been mailed and should be available for pick up at the Annex on Tuesdays during the time the BCGS Library is open 12:30 - 3:00pm.

New Business

Gene showed book purchasing information for books mainly targeting elementary school ages of 5th grade and up. The information will be posted on the bulletin board in the Annex.

Linda announced the opening of Thompson's Flour Mill on weekends for tours beginning December 9th. This historic mill near Shedd, Linn County, will be open to the public more hours in the summer. A brochure with more information will be posted on the bulletin-board in the Annex.

Bill is a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society and told about meeting with some of their members. Their society is completely digital and they have access to extensive resources. Damaris is a past member and supported the excellent resources available from this society even several years ago. www.NewEnglandAncestors.org

Officers were nominated by Dave Kribs and the motion was seconded. Officers will be sworn in at the January meeting.

BCGS Officers for 2008:

Co-Presidents – Bill Gleaves and Tonya Rawie (honorary)

Co- 1st Vice Presidents – David Kribs and Faye Abraham (programs)
Co - 2nd Vice Presidents – Betty Brummet and Dean Johnson
Co - Secretary (General meetings) – Linda Olsen
Co - Secretary (board meetings) – Leila Crawford
Treasurer – Gene Newcomb
Co-Librarians – Sandra Potter and Mary Dean Snelling
Membership – Leila Crawford

Richard Cobb volunteered to tend the BCGS library the first Tuesday of the month

Health and Welfare:

Best wishes for continued good health to Sharlene Talbot, and Jean and Joe Grube. Maybell's husband suffered a heart attack but is back home now.

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, January 2, 2008

The next General meeting will be Saturday, January 12, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olsen, Co-Secretary

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